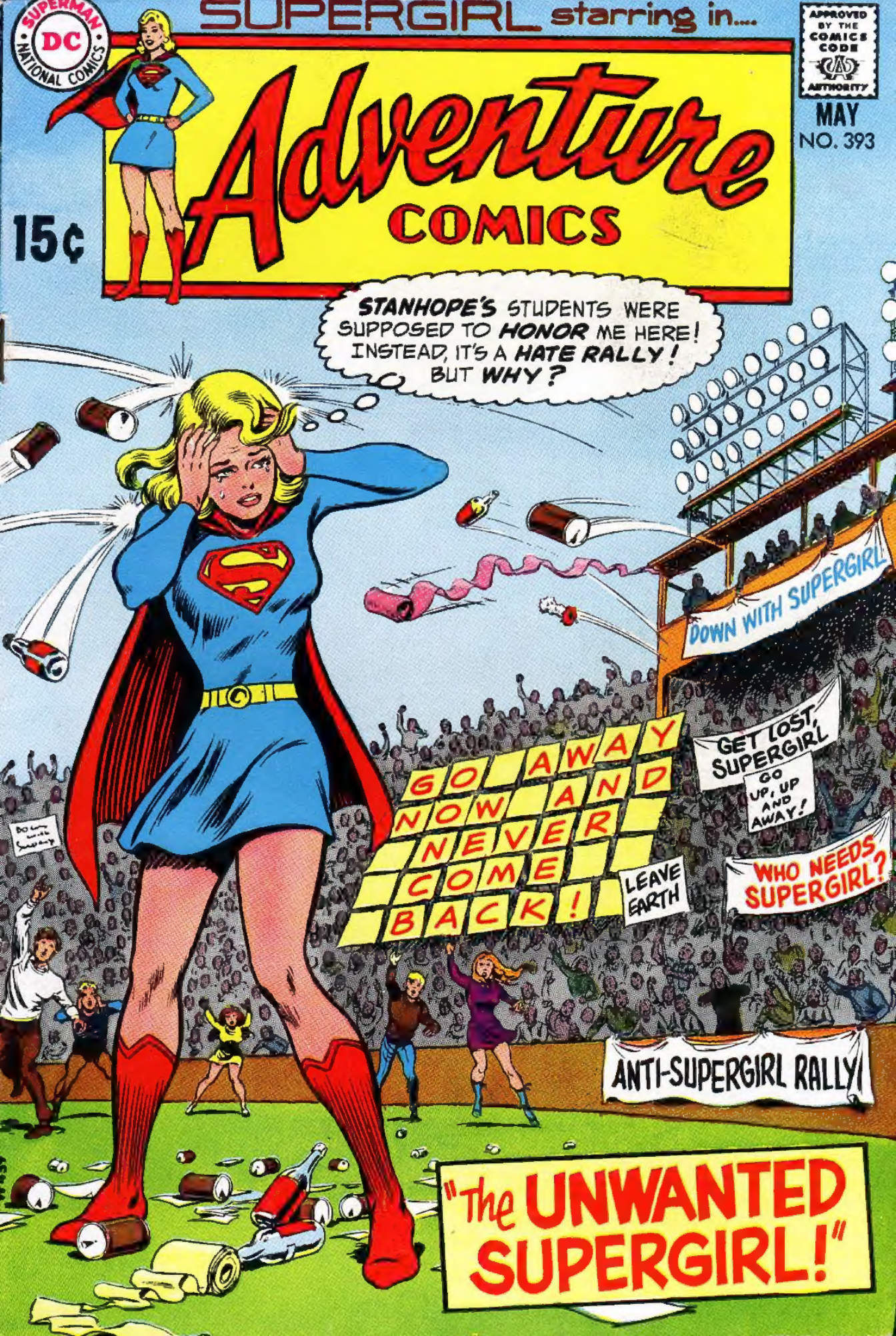
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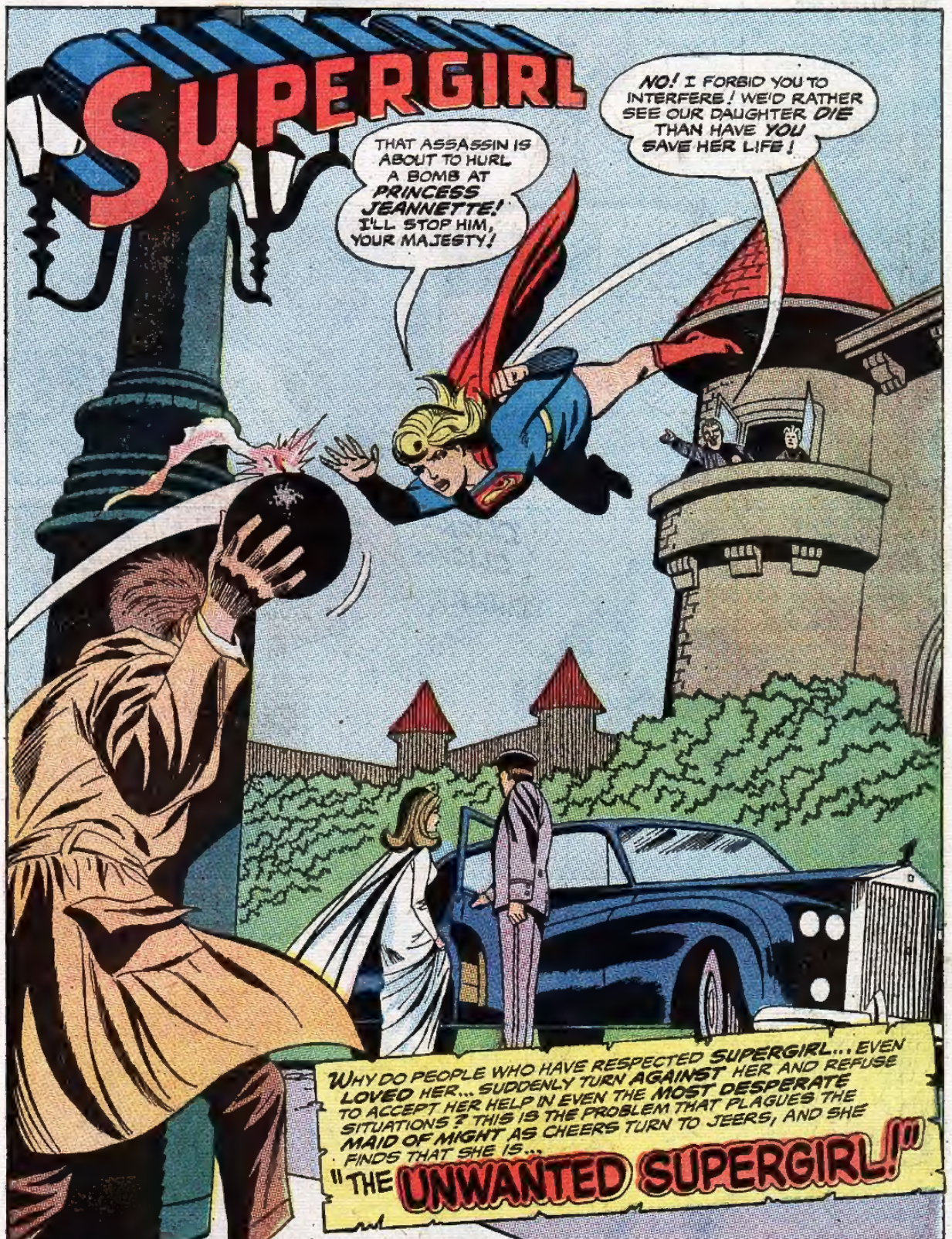
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NO! I FORBID YOU TO INTERFERE! WE'D RATHER SEE OUR DAUGHTER DIE THAN HAVE YOU SAVE HER LIFE!
WHY DO PEOPLE WHO HAVE RESPECTED SUPERGIRL... EVEN LOVED HER... SUDDENLY TURN AGAINST HER AND REFUSE TO ACCEPT HER HELP IN EVEN THE MOST DESPERATE SITUATIONS? THIS IS THE PROBLEM THAT PLAGUES THE MAID OF MIGHT AS CHEERS TURN TO JEERS, AND SHE FINDS THAT SHE IS...
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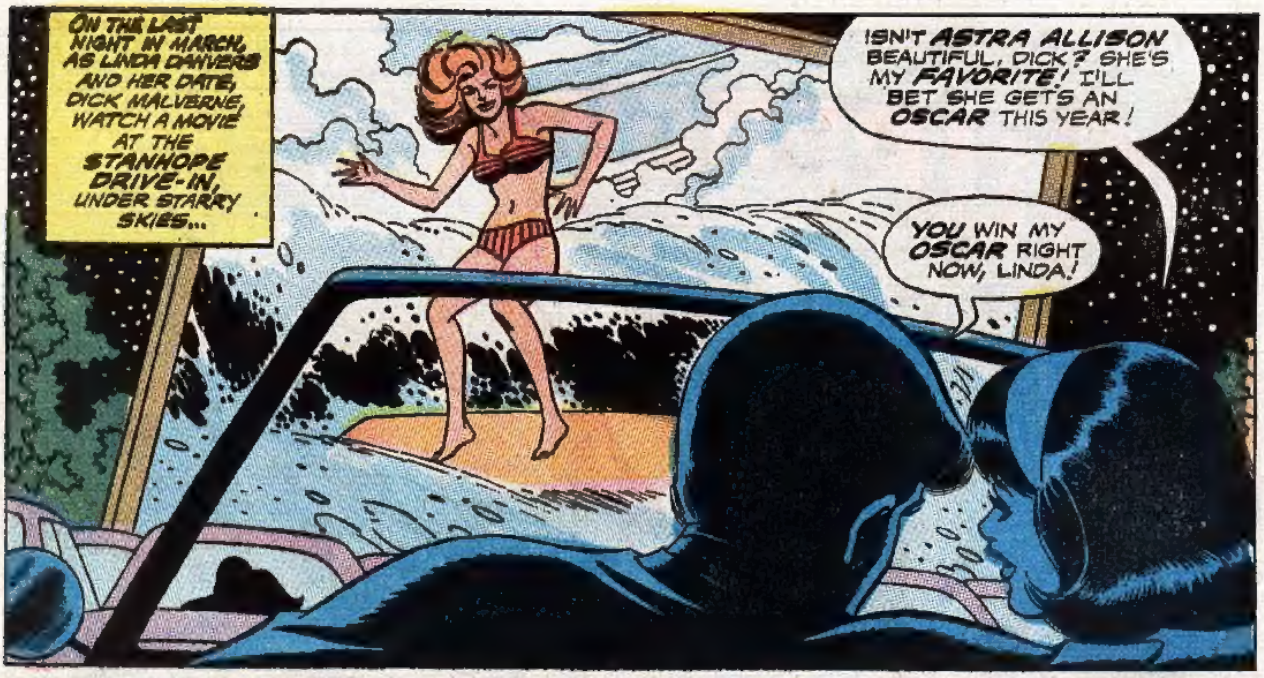
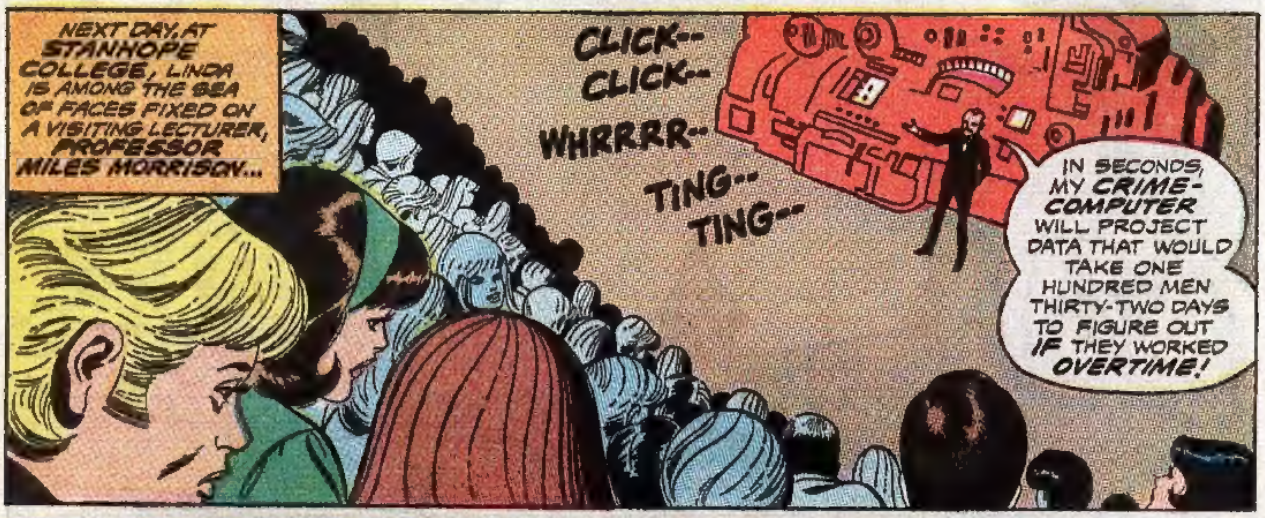
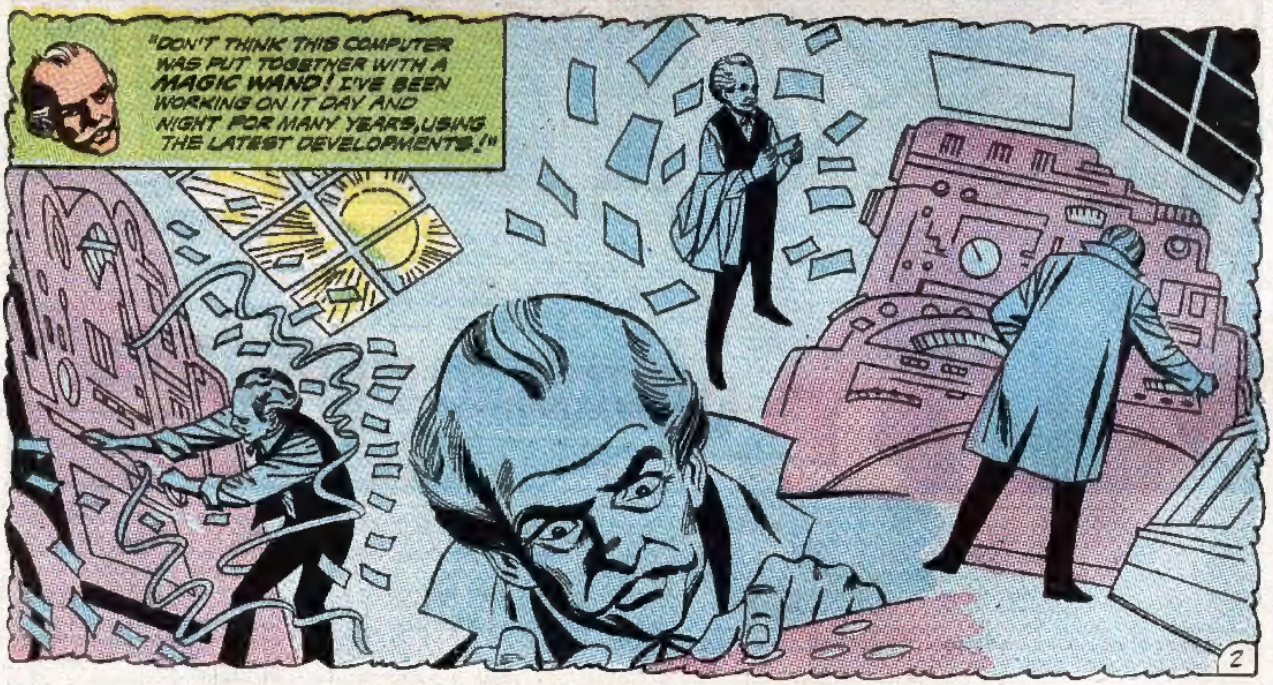

ON THE LAST NIGHT IN MARCH, AS LINDA DANIVERS AND HER DATE, DICK MALVERNE, WATCH A MOVIE AT THE STANHOPE DRIVE-IN, UNDER STARRY SKIES...
ISN'T ASTRA ALLISON BEAUTIFUL, DICK? SHE'S MY FAVORITE! I'LL BET SHE GET'S AN OSCAR THIS YEAR!
YOU WIN MY OSCAR RIGHT NOW, LINDA!


NEXT DAY, AT STANHOPE COLLEGE, LINDA IS AMONG THE SEA OF FACES FIXED ON A VISITING LECTURER, PROFESSOR MILES MORRISON...
CLICK-- CLICK-- WHRRRR-- TING-- TING--
IN SECONDS, MY CRIME-COMPUTER WILL PROJECT DATA THAT WOULD TAKE ONE HUNDRED MEN THIRTY-TWO DAYS TO FIGURE OUT IF THEY WORKED OVERTIME!


"DON'T THINK THIS COMPUTER WAS PUT TOGETHER WITH A MAGIC WAND! I'VE BEEN WORKING ON IT DAY AND NIGHT FOR MANY YEARS, USING THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS!"

I INVENTED THE CRIME-COMPUTER FOR THE ONE PERSON I ADMIRE MOST IN THE WORLD-- SUPERGIRL!
I KNOW SUPERGIRL IS A FREQUENT VISITOR TO STANHOPE! THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT MY CRIME-COMPUTER HERE, SO SHE MAY USE IT IN HER BATTLE AGAINST EVIL! NOW, HERE'S THE FIRST PREDICTION!
IMAGINE PREDICTING CRIMES BEFORE THEY HAPPEN! WHAT A BOON TO CRIME-FIGHTERS IF IT WORKS! WHAT WILL THE COMPUTER PROJECT?
"ASSASSINS WILL STRIKE AT PRINCESS JEANNETTE... NEAR HER PALACE ON THE MEDITER-RANEAN-- IN THE NEXT TEN MINUTES!"
UNNOTICED IN THE THUNDEROUS UPROAR OF EXCITEMENT, LINDA SLIPS AWAY...
AN ASSASSINATION IN TEN MINUTES!
YOU COULDN'T EVEN REACH THE PRINCESS BY TRANS-ATLANTIC PHONE IN THAT TIME!
POOR JEANNETTE HASN'T A CHANCE!
SWIFTLY CHANGING TO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF SUPERGIRL, LINDA ROCKETS IN THE AIR...
I'LL HAVE TO FLY FASTER THAN USUAL TO GET TO THE PRINCESS IN TIME! IT TOOK TWO PRECIOUS MINUTES TO GET AWAY FROM THE CROWD!
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AT ULTRA-SPEED SO GREAT IT CANNOT BE MEASURED, THE CAPED CO-ED REACHES HER DESTINATION...
THERE'S THE PRINCESS ... ON HER BALCONY! THANK HEAVENS-- THE PLOTTERS HAVEN'T STRUCK AT HER YET!
SUPERGIRL--?
THERE'S A PLOT AGAINST YOUR LIFE, PRINCESS! YOU'RE AN EASY TARGET ON THE BALCONY! GO BACK INTO YOUR SUITE!
I WAS GOING TO RIDE TO THE OPENING OF THE FILM FESTIVAL!
THE ASSASSINS PROBABLY PLAN TO STRIKE AT YOU ALONG THE WAY! I'LL WEAR YOUR CLOTHES AND TAKE YOUR PLACE!
JUST AS THE GIRL OF STEEL DONS THE ROYAL DRESS...
JEANNETTE! WHAT IS SUPER-GIRL DOING IN YOUR ATTIRE?
THERE'S A PLOT AGAINST YOUR DAUGHTER'S LIFE, SIRE! I'M TAKING HER PLACE!
YOU-- A COMMONER-- DARE TO TAKE THE PLACE OF A PRINCESS OF THE ROYAL BLOOD?
WE DIDN'T INVITE YOU HERE, SUPERGIRL! TAKE THAT DRESS OFF IMMEDIATELY! JEANNETTE--PUT IT BACK ON!
THOUGH SUPERGIRL PLEADS DESPERATELY...
LISTEN TO ME... PLEASE! A UNIQUE CRIME-COMPUTER PREDICTED ASSASSINS WOULD STRIKE AT THE PRINCESS TODAY... IN MINUTES!
A NOBODY LIKE YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT ROYALTY MUST FACE SUCH RISKS UNFLINCHINGLY! GET OUT!
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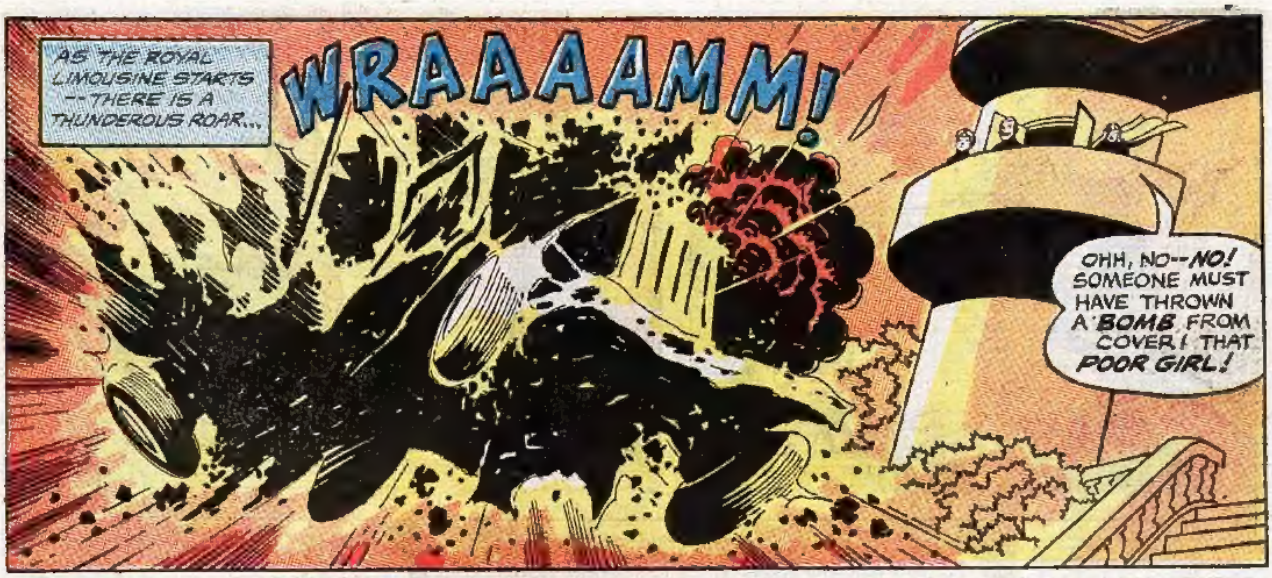
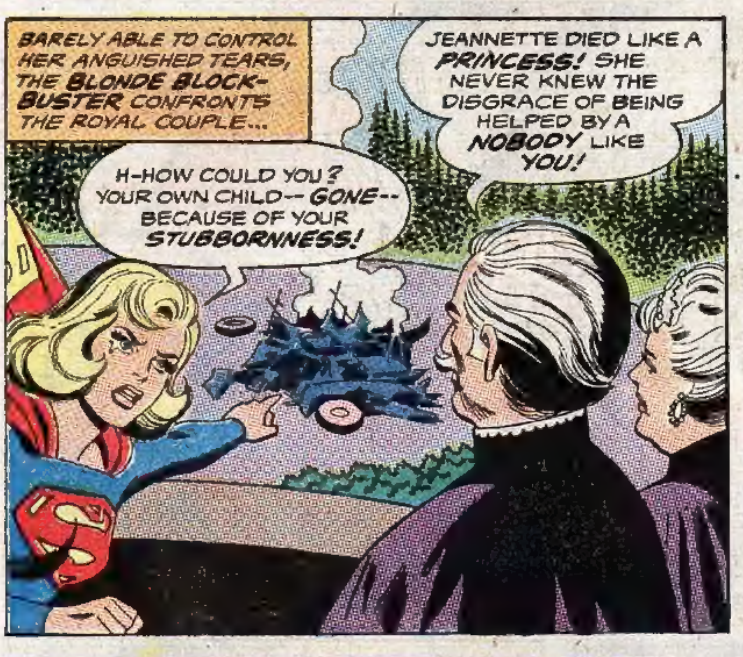
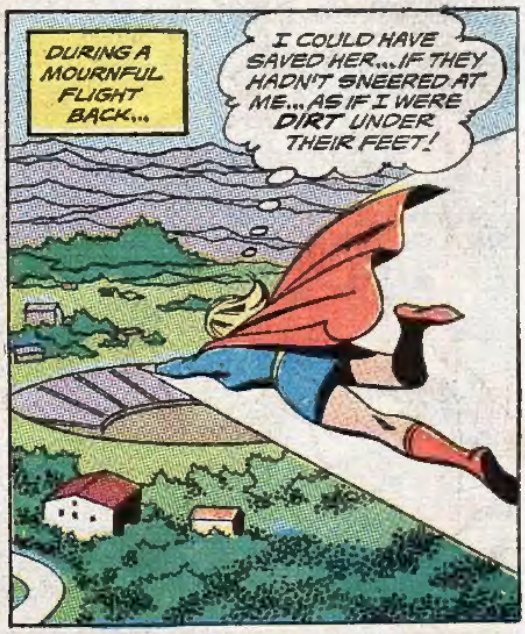
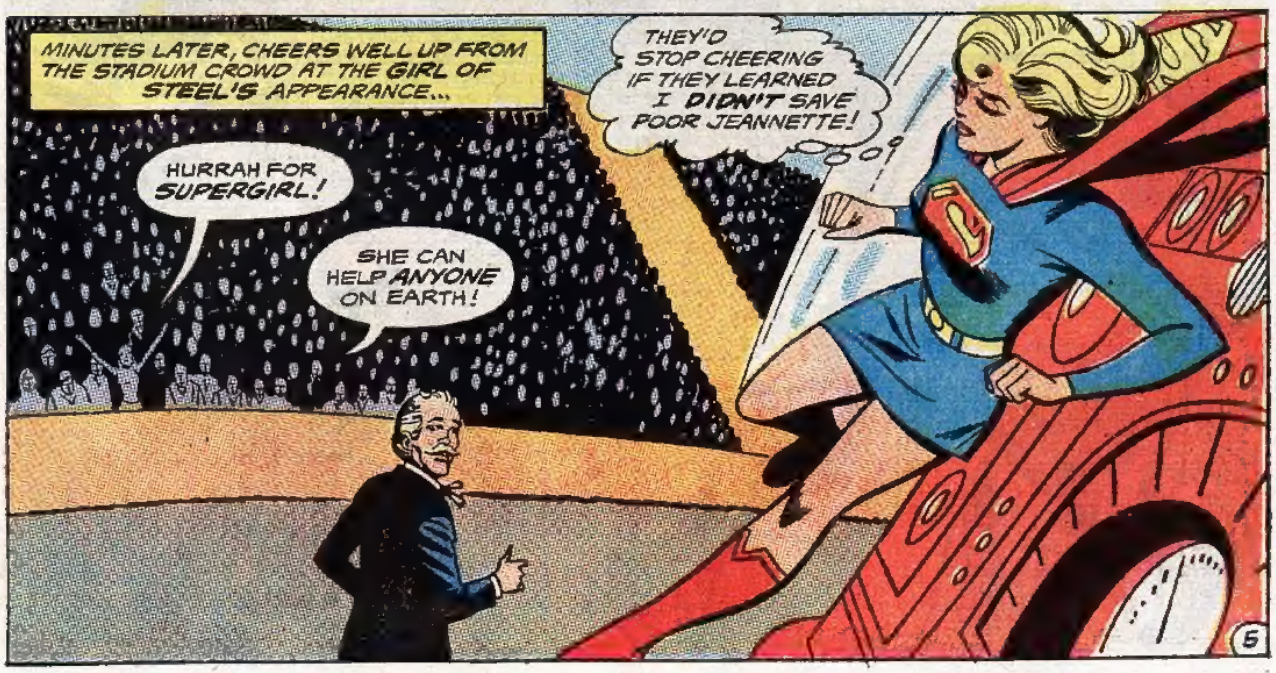

AS THE ROYAL LIMOUSINE STARTS -- THERE IS A THUNDEROUS ROAR...
WRAAAAMM!
OHH, NO--NO! SOMEONE MUST HAVE THROWN A BOMB FROM COVER! THAT POOR GIRL!


BARELY ABLE TO CONTROL HER ANGUISHED TEARS, THE BLONDE BLOCK-BUSTER CONFRONTS THE ROYAL COUPLE...
H-HOW COULD YOU? YOUR OWN CHILD-- GONE-- BECAUSE OF YOUR STUBBORNESS!
JEANNETTE DIED LIKE A PRINCESS! SHE NEVER KNEW THE DISGRACE OF BEING HELPED BY A NOBODY LIKE YOU!


DURING A MOURNFUL FLIGHT BACK...
I COULD HAVE SAVED HER...IF THEY HADN'T SNEERED AT ME...AS IF I WERE DIRT UNDER THEIR FEET!


MINUTES LATER, CHEERS WELL UP FROM THE STADIUM CROWD AT THE GIRL OF STEEL'S APPEARANCE...
HURRAH FOR SUPERGIRL!
SHE CAN HELP ANYONE ON EARTH!
THEY'D STOP CHEERING IF THEY LEARNED I DIDN'T SAVE POOR JEANNETTE!
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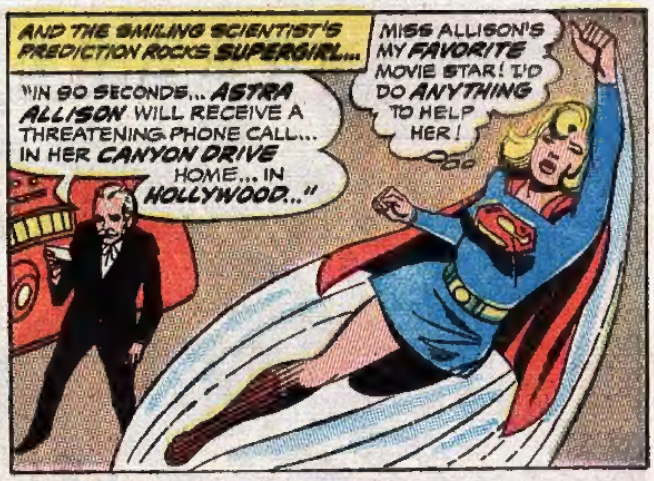
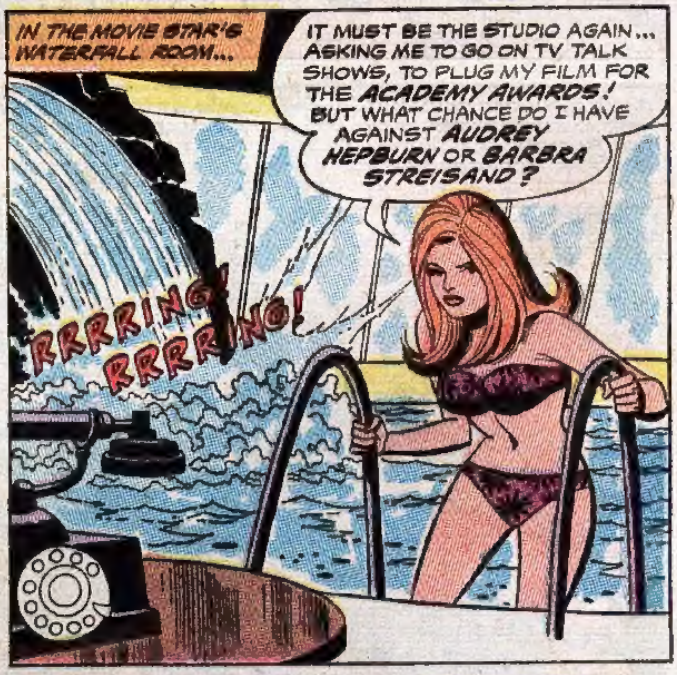
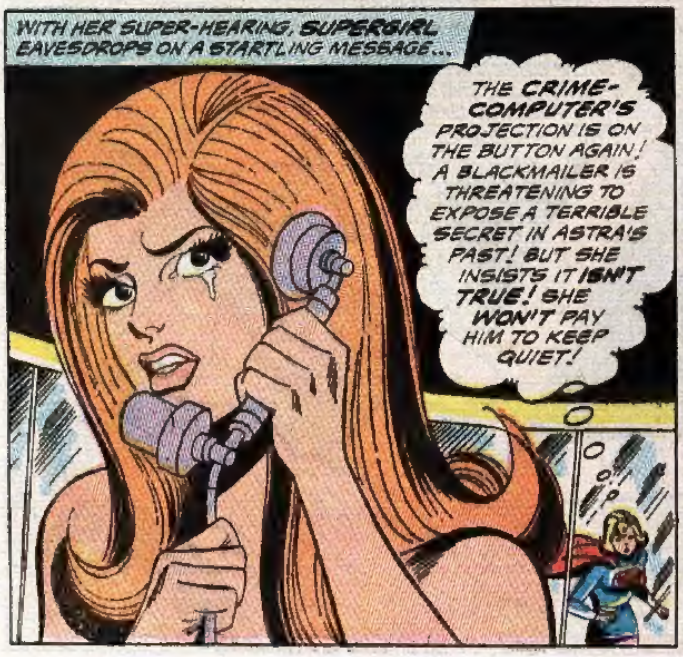
SUPERGIRL! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME TO HEAR THE NEXT PROJECTION OF MY CRIME-COMPUTER! I'M SURE IT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN EASILY THWART!


AND THE SMILING SCIENTIST'S PREDICTION ROCKS SUPERGIRL...
IN 90 SECONDS... ASTRA ALLISON WILL RECEIVE A THREATENING PHONE CALL... IN HER CANYON DRIVE HOME... IN HOLLYWOOD..."
MISS ALLISON'S MY FAVORITE MOVIE STAR! I'D DO ANYTHING TO HELP HER!

3,000 MILES MELT IN MOMENTS BEFORE THE MAID OF MIGHT'S FANTASTIC SPEED...
I CAN SEE ASTRA WITH MY X-RAY VISION! SHE'S DIVING INTO HER INDOOR SWIMMING POOL!


IN THE MOVIE STAR'S WATERFALL ROOM...
IT MUST BE THE STUDIO AGAIN... ASKING ME TO GO ON TV TALK SHOWS, TO PLUG MY FILM FOR THE ACADEMY AWARDS! BUT WHAT CHANCE DO I HAVE AGAINST AUDREY HEPBURN OR BARBRA STREISAND?
RRRRING! RRRRING!


WITH HER SUPER-HEARING, SUPERGIRL EAVESDROPS ON A STARTLING MESSAGE...
THE CRIME-COMPUTER'S PROJECTION IS ON THE BUTTON AGAIN! A BLACKMAILER IS THREATENING TO EXPOSE A TERRIBLE SECRET IN ASTRA'S PAST! BUT SHE INSISTS IT ISN'T TRUE! SHE WON'T PAY HIM TO KEEP QUIET!

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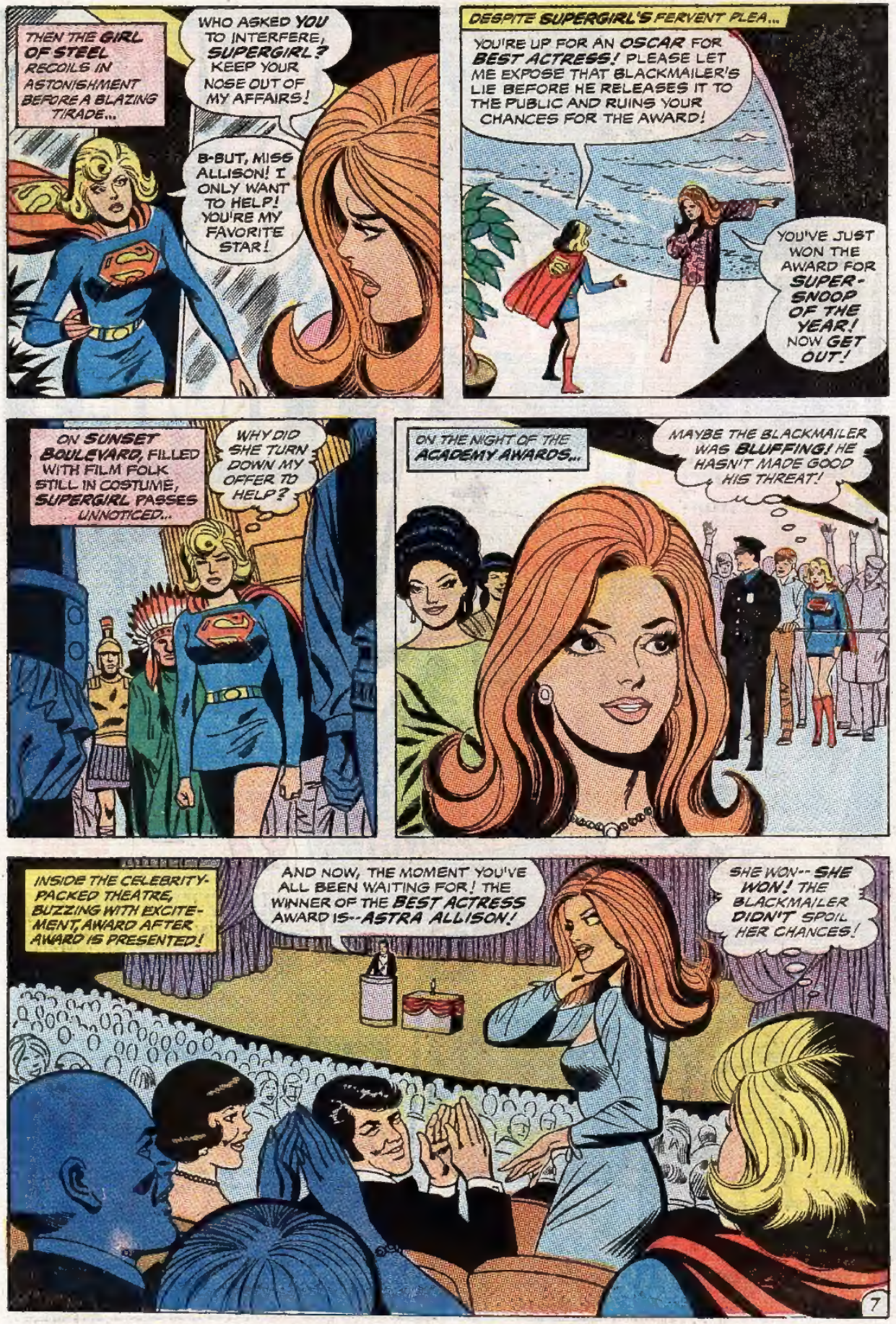
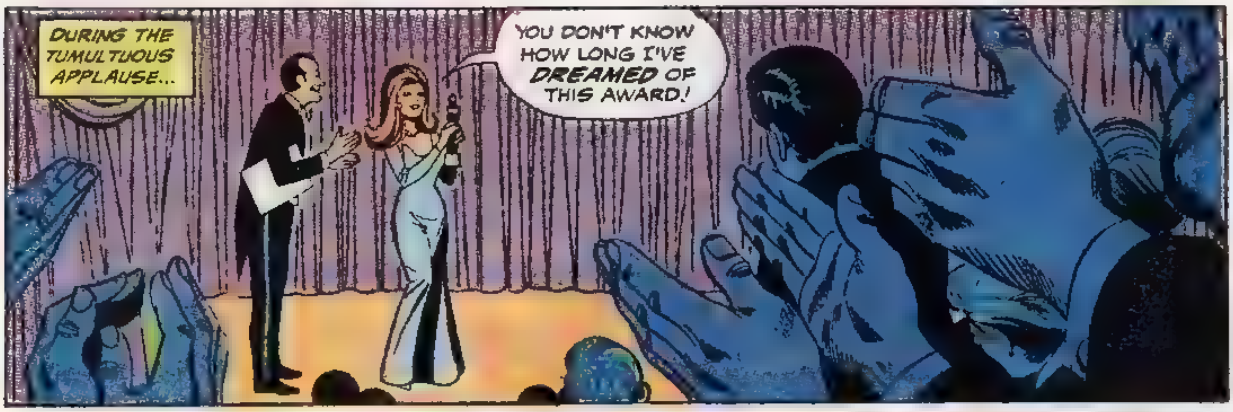
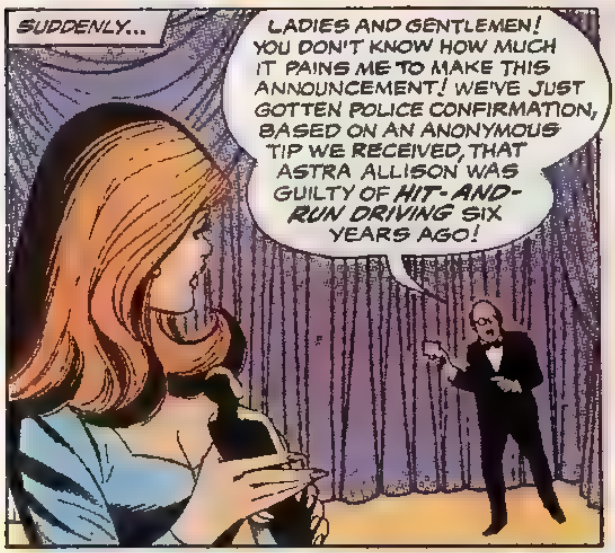
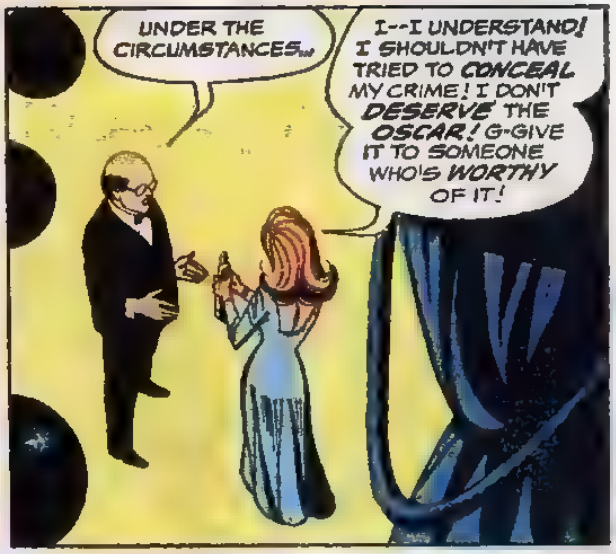
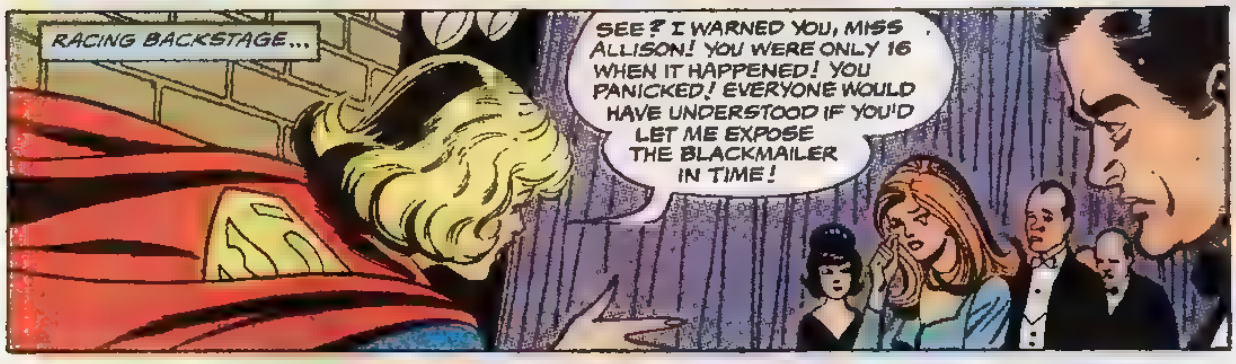
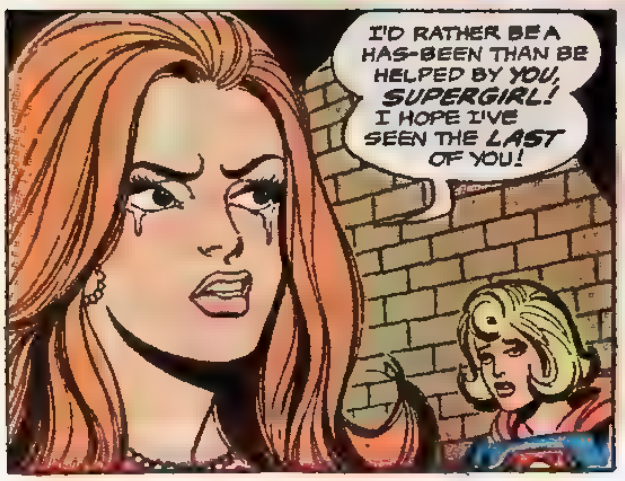

THEN THE GIRL OF STEEL RECOILS IN ASTONISHMENT BEFORE A BLAZING TIRADE...
WHO ASKED YOU TO INTERFERE, SUPERGIRL? KEEP YOUR NOSE OUT OF MY AFFAIRS!
B-BUT, MISS ALLISON! I ONLY WANT TO HELP! YOU'RE MY FAVORITE STAR!
DESPITE SUPERGIRL'S FERVENT PLEA...
YOU'RE UP FOR AN OSCAR FOR BEST ACTRESS! PLEASE LET ME EXPOSE THAT BLACKMAILER'S LIE BEFORE HE RELEASES IT TO THE PUBLIC AND RUINS YOUR CHANCES FOR THE AWARD!
YOU'VE JUST WON THE AWARD FOR SUPER-SNOOP OF THE YEAR! NOW GET OUT!
ON SUNSET BOULEVARD, FILLED WITH FILM FOLK STILL IN COSTUME, SUPERGIRL PASSES UNNOTICED...
WHY DID SHE TURN DOWN MY OFFER TO HELP?
ON THE NIGHT OF THE ACADEMY AWARDS...
MAYBE THE BLACKMAILER WAS BLUFFING! HE HASN'T MADE GOOD HIS THREAT!
INSIDE THE CELEBRITY-PACKED THEATRE, BUZZING WITH EXCITEMENT, AWARD AFTER AWARD IS PRESENTED!
AND NOW, THE MOMENT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR! THE WINNER OF THE BEST ACTRESS AWARD IS--ASTRA ALLISON!
SHE WON--SHE WON! THE BLACKMAILER DIDN'T SPOIL HER CHANCES!

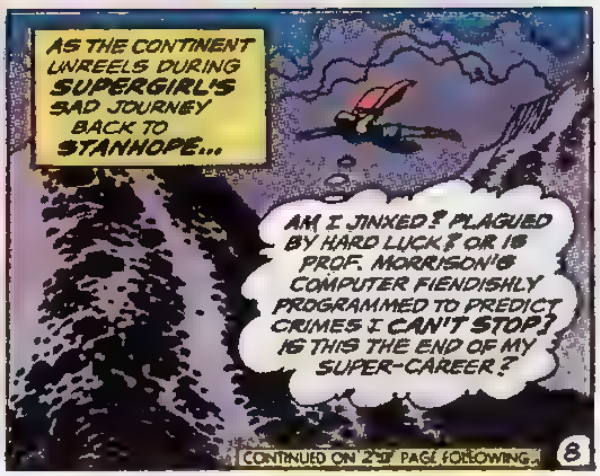

DURING THE TUMULTUOUS APPLAUSE...
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I'VE DREAMED OF THIS AWARD!


SUDDENLY...
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH IT PAINS ME TO MAKE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT! WE'VE JUST GOTTEN POLICE CONFIRMATION, BASED ON AN ANONYMOUS TIP WE RECEIVED, THAT ASTRA ALLISON WAS GUILTY OF HIT-AND-RUN DRIVING SIX YEARS AGO!


UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES...
I--I UNDERSTAND! I SHOULDN'T HAVE TRIED TO CONCEAL MY CRIME! I DON'T DESERVE THE OSCAR! G-GIVE IT TO SOMEONE WHO'S WORTHY OF IT!


RACING BACKSTAGE...
SEE? I WARNED YOU, MISS ALLISON! YOU WERE ONLY 16 WHEN IT HAPPENED! YOU PANICKED! EVERYONE WOULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD IF YOU'D LET ME EXPOSE THE BLACKMAILER IN TIME!


I'D RATHER BE A HAS-BEEN THAN BE HELPED BY YOU, SUPERGIRL! I HOPE I'VE SEEN THE LAST OF YOU!


AS THE CONTINENT UNREELS DURING SUPERGIRL'S SAD JOURNEY BACK TO STANHOPE...
AM I JINXED? PLAGUED BY HARD LUCK? OR IS PROF. MORRISON'S COMPUTER FIENDISHLY PROGRAMMED TO PREDICT CRIMES I CAN'T STOP? IS THIS THE END OF MY SUPER-CAREER?
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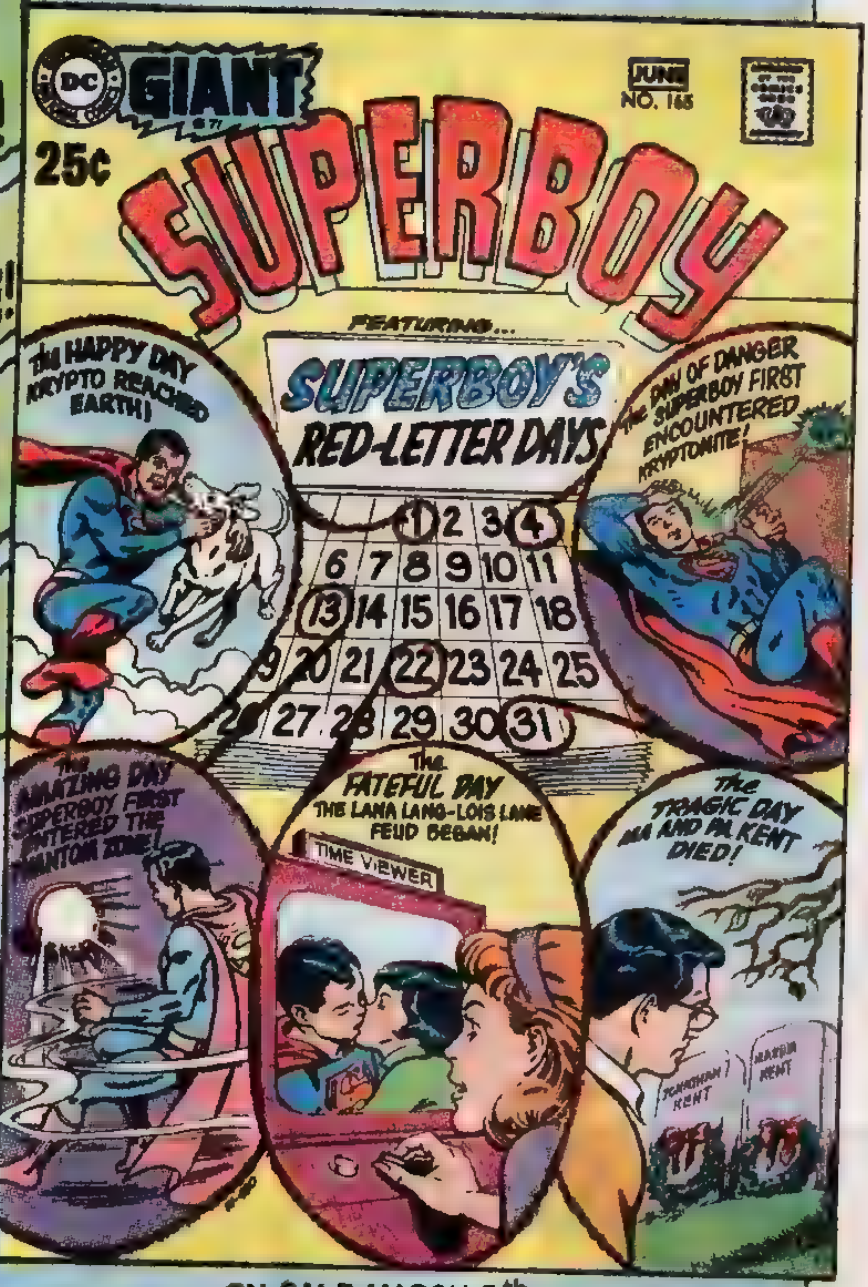
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DRIVEN BY DESPERATION, THE GIRL OF STEEL SIGNALS SUPERMAN AND RELATES HER SAD TALE TO HIM...
...AND NOW I'M ON MY WAY BACK TO STANHOPE! WHY DOESN'T ANYONE WANT ME ANYMORE? WHY DO THEY TURN THEIR BACKS ON ME?
THAT'S LIFE, SUPERGIRL! IT CAN CHANGE OVERNIGHT!
YESTERDAY--IT'S SPARKLING CHAMPAGNE! TODAY--IT'S STALE DOUGHNUTS! FIRST A FEAST! THEN A FAMINE! IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE! IT FINALLY HAPPENED TO YOU!
B-BUT, SUPERMAN! SURELY YOU CAN HELP ME? YOU CAN MOVE A PLANET, OR IGNITE A DYING SUN!
BUT I CAN'T FIGHT HUMAN NATURE! DON'T CALL ME NEXT TIME! I'LL CALL YOU!
AND THE MAID OF STEEL IS ALONE...WITH HER TEARS...
SUPERMAN TURNED AWAY FROM ME, TOO! THIS IS THE DARKEST DAY OF MY LIFE!
TRYING TO LIFT THE MOUNTAIN OF DESPAIR PRESSING AGAINST HER HEART, SUPERGIRL REACHES STANHOPE NEXT MORNING...
THERE'S NO EVIL WITCH BEHIND THIS, BUT A MODERN COMPUTER! JUST BECAUSE I FAILED TO PREVENT ITS FIRST TWO PREDICTIONS FROM ENDING IN DISASTER DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T SUCCEED WITH THE THIRD! THERE'S ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION DUE TODAY!
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AS SHE ALIGHTS BESIDE THE WAITING PROFESSOR...
I'M READY FOR YOUR CRIME-COMPUTER'S NEXT PROJECTION, PROF. MORRISON!
YOU FAILED ON THE FIRST TWO, SUPERGIRL! WHY RISK ANOTHER FLOP?
PLEASE, PROFESSOR! GIVE ME ONE MORE CHANCE!
I CAN'T RESIST YOUR SUPER-PLEADING!
ALL RIGHT, SUPERGIRL! MY CRIME-COMPUTER WILL PUNCH OUT ITS NEXT PROJECTION FOR YOU IN ONE MOMENT!
WHIRR
TING-TING-TING
CLICK-CLICK
TO SUPERGIRL'S ASTONISHMENT...
HERE'S THE LATEST CRIME PREDICTION! READ IT YOURSELF!
I--I CAN'T BELIEVE! IT SAYS "IT WILL BE A CRIME IF SUPERGIRL DOESN'T RETIRE FROM THE CRIME-FIGHTING GAME IMMEDIATELY!
STARTLED BY A THUNDEROUS WAVE OF JEERS, THE MAID OF MIGHT IS CRUSHED BY A FOREST OF TAUNTING PLACARDS!
OHH NO! NO! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING TO ME!
BOOOOOO
HISSSSSS
KRYPTON'S FOR KOOKS LIKE SUPERGIRL!
SUPERGIRL-- GO HOME!
SUPERGIRL! SPLIT!
SUPERGIRL SCRAM!
SUPERGIRL'S STUFFED WITH SAWDUST!
THE GIRL OF STEEL IS MADE OF TIN!
SUPERGIRL IS A SQUARE
ANTI-SUPERGIRL RALLY!

AS SUPERGIRL TRIES TO PLEAD WITH THE SNEERING CROWD...
LISTEN TO ME! PLEASE! I TRIED! I--OHH-- NOW THEY'RE THROWING ROTTEN VEGETABLES AT ME!
THUD
SPLAT
THUD
THAT'S LIFE! YOU'RE A HEROINE ONE DAY, A FOOL THE NEXT!
SPLATT!
LIKE A BOLT OF HUMAN LIGHTNING, THE MAID OF STEEL STRIKES!
IT'S ALL THE FAULT OF THE COMPUTER! I'LL SMASH IT TO BITS! I'LL...
HELP! SUPERGIRL'S GONE MAD!
AS SUDDENLY AS THE INTERNAL STORM HAD ARISEN... IT SUBSIDES...
I--I'M SO ASHAMED OF MYSELF, PROF. MORRISON! I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAME OVER ME! I'M SORRY!
SORRY! LOOK WHAT YOU DID TO MY COMPUTER! THE MOST UNIQUE IN THE WORLD! IT TOOK ME A LIFETIME TO ASSEMBLE! BUT YOU SHATTERED IT!
WITH A DAZZLING BURST OF SPEED, SUPERGIRL GOES INTO ACTION...
DON'T WORRY, PROF. MORRISON! I AUTOMATICALLY MEMORIZED THE CIRCUITS SUBLIMINALLY--EVEN AS I SMASHED YOUR COMPUTER! I'LL REASSEMBLE IT AGAIN!
I DOUBT YOU CAN!
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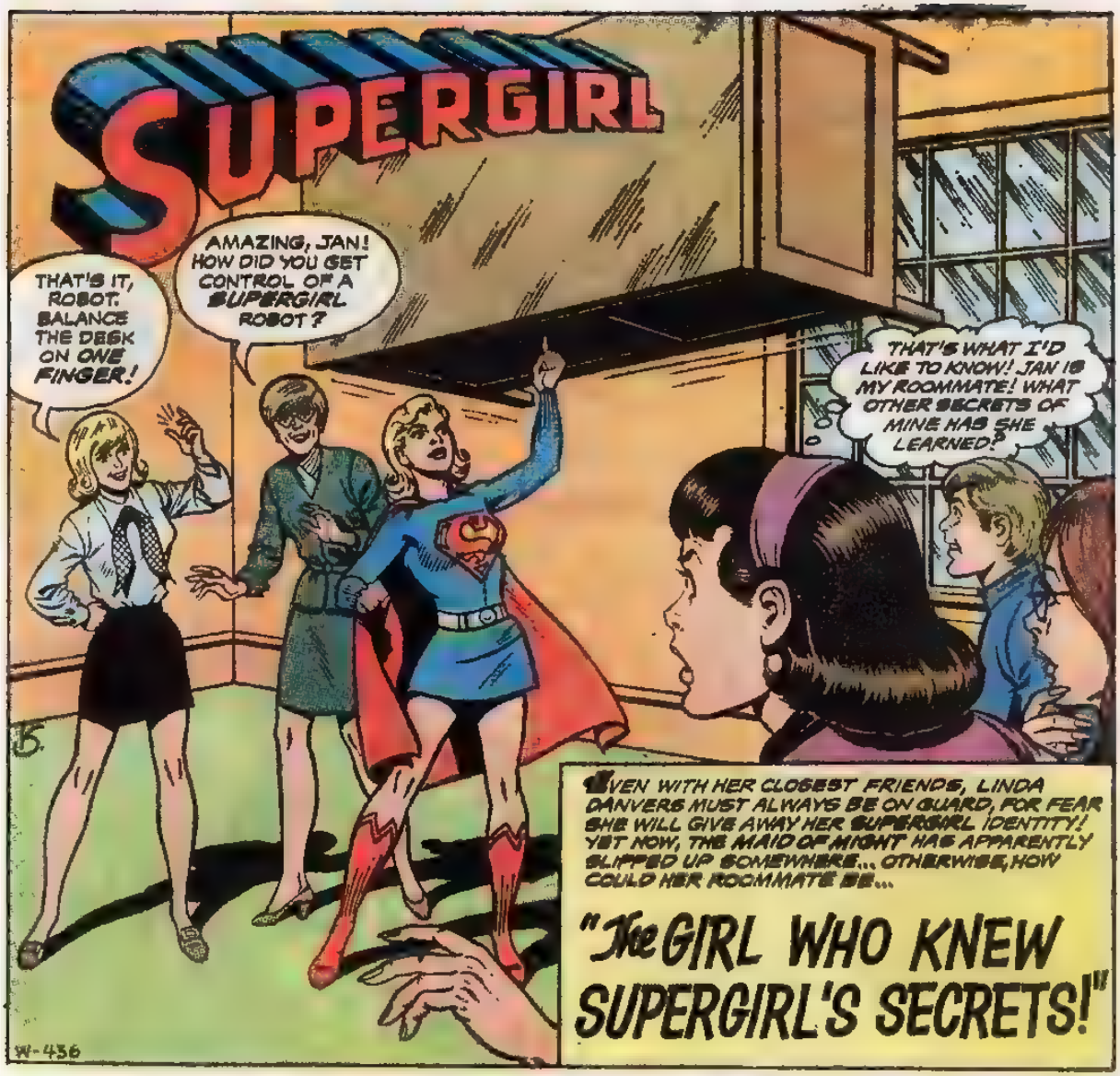
A MINI-SECOND LATER...
WHIRRRR... CLICK CLICK
TING--TING
IMPOSSIBLE! IT LOOKS OPERATIONAL BUT IT CAN'T BE! I, THE INVENTOR, AM THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD WHO KNOWS ITS SECRET CIRCUITS! I'LL PROVE IT!
THERE'S YOUR CRIME-COMPUTER, PROF. MORRISON! EVEN BETTER THAN BEFORE!
WHAT DOES THE COMPUTER PREDICT, PROF. MORRISON?
"PROF. MORRISON WILL BE IMPRISONED FOR THEFT! HE DID NOT INVENT THE CRIME-COMPUTER! HE STOLE THE PLANS FROM PROF. ANATOLE KLTPZYXM." IT'S A LIE!
SUDDENLY... A STARTLING TRANSFORMATION...
Y-YOU TRICKED ME INTO SAYING MY NAME BACKWARDS! NOW I MUST RETURN TO THE 5TH DIMENSION FOR AT LEAST 90 DAYS!
CHECK, MR. MXYZPTLK!
DRAT YOU, SUPERGIRL! HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS USING MY MAGICAL POWERS AGAINST YOU?
YOU GAVE ME THE CLUE YOURSELF, WHEN YOU JEERED AT ME! SAYING I WAS A HEROINE ONE DAY, A FOOL THE NEXT! IT REMINDED ME THAT THE DAY YOU SHOWED UP WAS APRIL FOOL'S DAY!
READER, DID YOU SPOT THE CLUE AT THE TOP OF PG. 2? THE LAST NIGHT IN MARCH IS THE NIGHT BEFORE APRIL FOOL'S DAY!
THAT'S WHY I PRETENDED TO GO BERSERK AND SMASHED THE COMPUTER! SO I COULD REASSEMBLE IT AND PROGRAM IT TO PUNCH OUT A CARD SPELLING YOUR NAME BACKWARDS! I ALSO REMEMBERED APRIL FIRST WAS THREE MONTHS TO THE DAY SINCE YOUR LAST APPEARANCE! AND I EXPECTED YOU TO SHOW UP!
AS THE IN-NAME MAP HAS VANISHED INTO THE 5TH DIMENSION AGAIN...
HE'S GONE! THE STUDENTS ARE GONE! THEY WERE MAGICAL ILLUSIONS! THE ASSASSINATION... AND ASTRA'S DISGRACE... NEVER HAPPENED! IT WAS ALL PART OF MXYZPTLK'S MAGIC MISCHIEF! BUT HE'S GONE NOW... FOR 90 DAYS, AT LEAST!


SUPERGIRL
THAT'S IT, ROBOT. BALANCE THE DESK ON ONE FINGER!
AMAZING, JAN! HOW DID YOU GET CONTROL OF A SUPERGIRL ROBOT?
THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW! JAN IS MY ROOMMATE! WHAT OTHER SECRETS OF MINE HAS SHE LEARNED?
EVEN WITH HER CLOSEST FRIENDS, LINDA DANVERS MUST ALWAYS BE ON GUARD, FOR FEAR SHE WILL GIVE AWAY HER SUPERGIRL IDENTITY! YET NOW, THE MAID OF MIGHT HAS APPARENTLY SLIPPED UP SOMEWHERE... OTHERWISE, HOW COULD HER ROOMMATE BE...
"The GIRL WHO KNEW SUPERGIRL'S SECRETS!"
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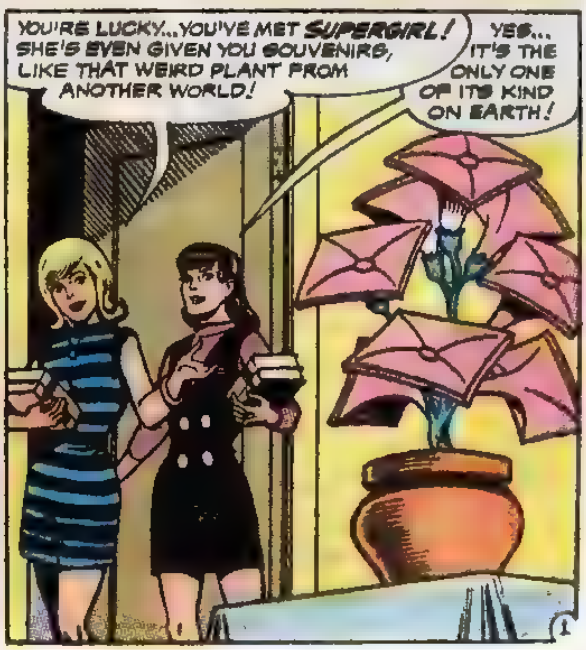
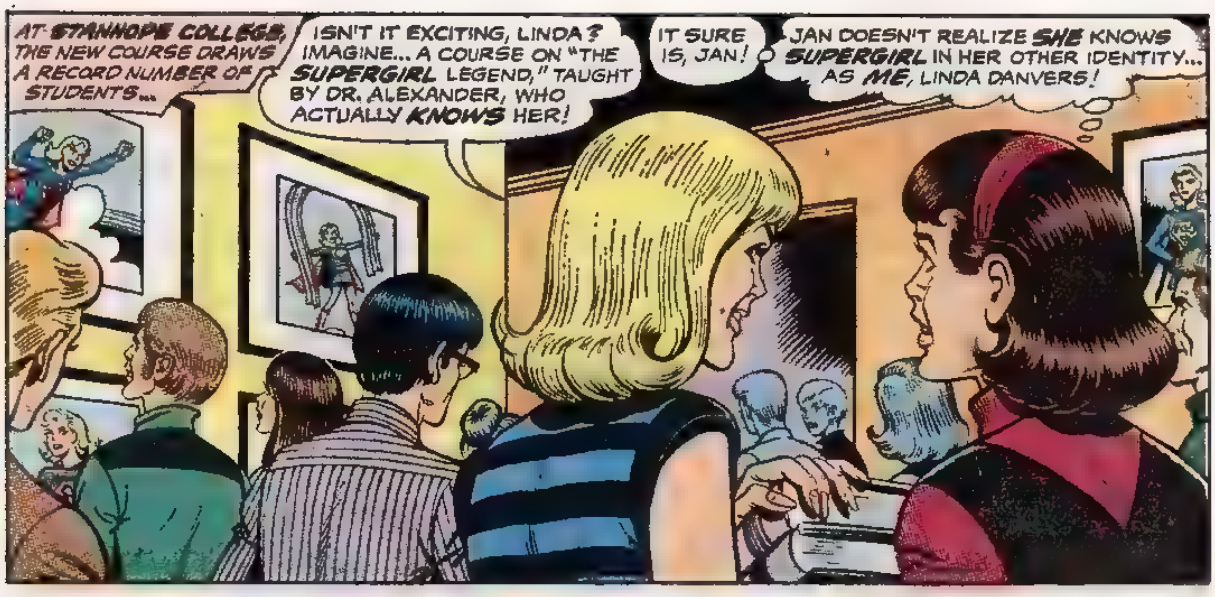
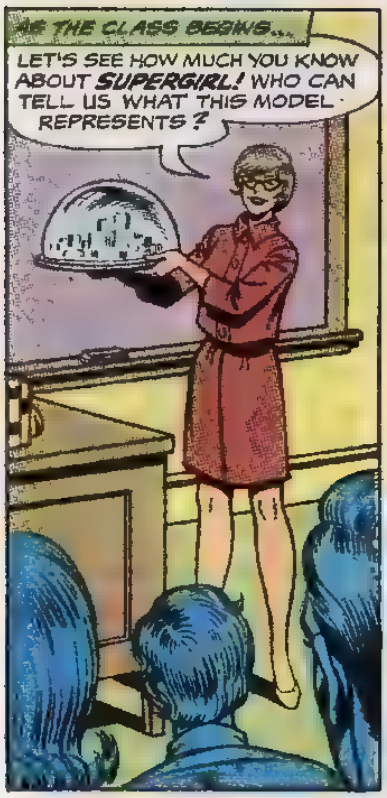
IN LINDA DANVERS' ROOM AT COLLEGE, SHE AND HER ROOMMATE, JAN BUTLER, ARE GETTING READY FOR A SPECIAL COURSE...
AREN'T YOU GLAD WE ENROLLED IN THE NEW COURSE ON SUPER-GIRL, LINDA?
I'LL SAY!
I'M HONORED, TOO.. BUT I CAN'T SAY THAT WITHOUT GIVING AWAY THE FACT THAT I'M SUPERGIRL!


YOU'RE LUCKY... YOU'VE MET SUPERGIRL! SHE'S EVEN GIVEN YOU SOUVENIRS, LIKE THAT WEIRD PLANT FROM ANOTHER WORLD!
YES... IT'S THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND ON EARTH!


AT STANHOPE COLLEGE, THE NEW COURSE DRAWS A RECORD NUMBER OF STUDENTS...
ISN'T IT EXCITING, LINDA? IMAGINE... A COURSE ON "THE SUPERGIRL LEGEND," TAUGHT BY DR. ALEXANDER, WHO ACTUALLY KNOWS HER!
IT SURE IS, JAN!
JAN DOESN'T REALIZE SHE KNOWS SUPERGIRL IN HER OTHER IDENTITY... AS ME, LINDA DANVERS!


AS THE CLASS BEGINS...
LET'S SEE HOW MUCH YOU KNOW ABOUT SUPERGIRL! WHO CAN TELL US WHAT THIS MODEL REPRESENTS?

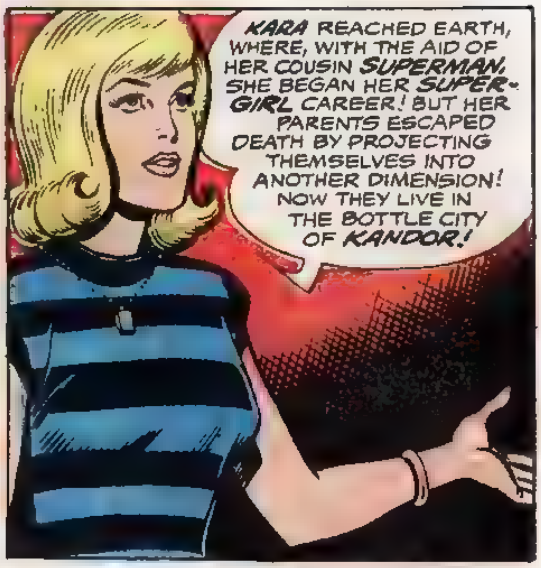
JANICE BUTLER!
THAT'S ARGO CITY, THE BIRTHPLACE OF SUPERGIRL! HER FATHER, ZOR-EL, A GREAT SCIENTIST, HAD INVENTED A WEATHER-PROOF PLASTIC DOME WHICH COVERED THE CITY...

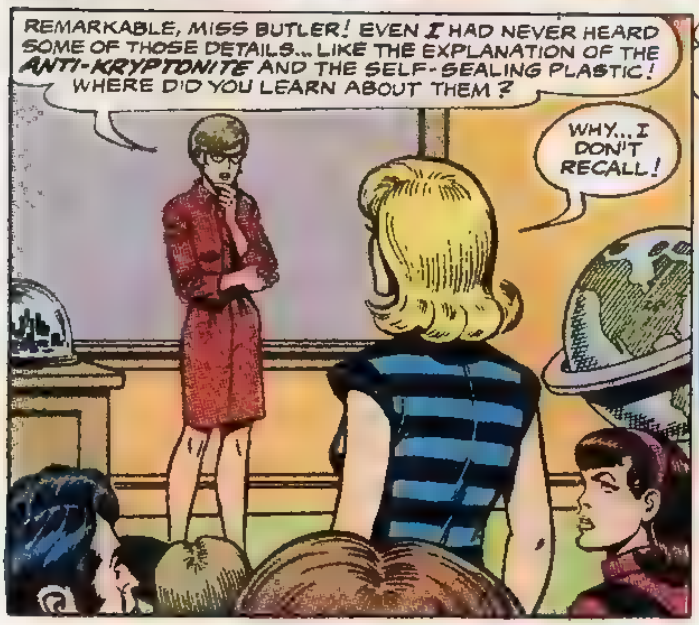
"WHEN THE PLANET KRYPTON EXPLODED, THE CITY WAS HURLED AWAY IN ONE PIECE, STILL PROTECTED BY THE DOME..."

"BUT THE GROUND TURNED INTO A RARE FORM OF ANTI-KRYPTONITE, WHICH WAS DEADLY TO NON-SUPER KRYPTONIANS, AS REGULAR GREEN K IS TO SUPER-PEOPLE FROM KRYPTON..."
FORTUNATELY, WE HAD ENOUGH SHEET LEAD TO COVER THE GROUND AND PROTECT US FROM THE RADIATION! HURRY, MEN!

"ZOR-EL MARRIED AND HAD A DAUGHTER, KARA! BUT WHEN SHE WAS 15, A SWARM OF METEORS HIT THE CITY..."
DAD! THAT ONE ALMOST HIT US!
QUICK... INSIDE! THE PLASTIC DOME IS SELF-SEALING, SO WE WON'T LOSE OUR AIR! BUT THE METEORS ARE DEMOLISHING OUR LEAD SHIELDING!

"JUST IN TIME, ZOR-EL PLACED KARA IN A SMALL SPACESHIP AND SENT HER TO EARTH, WHILE THE PEOPLE OF ARGO CITY DIED OF KRYPTONITE POISONING..."
IF ONLY THERE HAD BEEN ROOM FOR MOTHER AND DAD... AND OUR FRIENDS!


KARA REACHED EARTH, WHERE, WITH THE AID OF HER COUSIN SUPERMAN, SHE BEGAN HER SUPER-GIRL CAREER! BUT HER PARENTS ESCAPED DEATH BY PROJECTING THEMSELVES INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION! NOW THEY LIVE IN THE BOTTLE CITY OF KANDOR!


REMARKABLE, MISS BUTLER! EVEN I HAD NEVER HEARD SOME OF THOSE DETAILS... LIKE THE EXPLANATION OF THE ANTI-KRYPTONITE AND THE SELF-SEALING PLASTIC! WHERE DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THEM?
WHY... I DON'T RECALL!

HOW COULD JAN HAVE LEARNED THOSE DETAILS? THEY'VE NEVER BEEN PUBLISHED, I'M SURE! IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D SAY MY ROOMIE HAD BEEN READING MY MIND!

NEXT DAY, DR. ALEXANDER OPENS THE CLASS WITH A VISUAL DEMONSTRATION...
THIS SUPERGIRL DOLL, WHICH WAS DESIGNED BY SUPERGIRL HERSELF, CAN ACTUALLY FLY! UNFORTUNATELY, IT CAN'T DEMONSTRATE HER OTHER POWERS!
BUT JAN SUDDENLY STANDS UP, AND...
I CAN TAKE CARE OF THAT!
OPEN THE DOOR AND COME IN HERE!
WHY... JAN IS IMITATING MY SUPER-GIRL VOICE!
WHY, IT'S SUPERGIRL!
WRONG! JUST ANOTHER REASONABLE FACSIMILE! THIS IS A SUPERGIRL ROBOT!
AS JAN GIVES HER COMMANDS, THE ROBOT SHOWS OFF ITS SUPER-POWERS...
TO ME THIS HEAVY FURNITURE IS LIGHT AS SOAP BUBBLES!
I FOUND IT IN A HOLLOW TREE, WHERE SUPERGIRL KEPT IT, AND ACTIVATED IT BY IMITATING HER VOICE!
FLY, ROBOT!
HOW DID SHE DISCOVER IT? THERE WAS NO WAY TO TELL THAT TREE FROM THE OTHERS IN THE FOREST!
IT'S LUCKY THIS ROBOT WAS IN THE TREE! MY LINDA ROBOT WAS DESTROYED NOT LONG AGO AND I HAVEN'T REPLACED IT! IF I HAD, JAN WOULD HAVE LEARNED MY SECRET IDENTITY!
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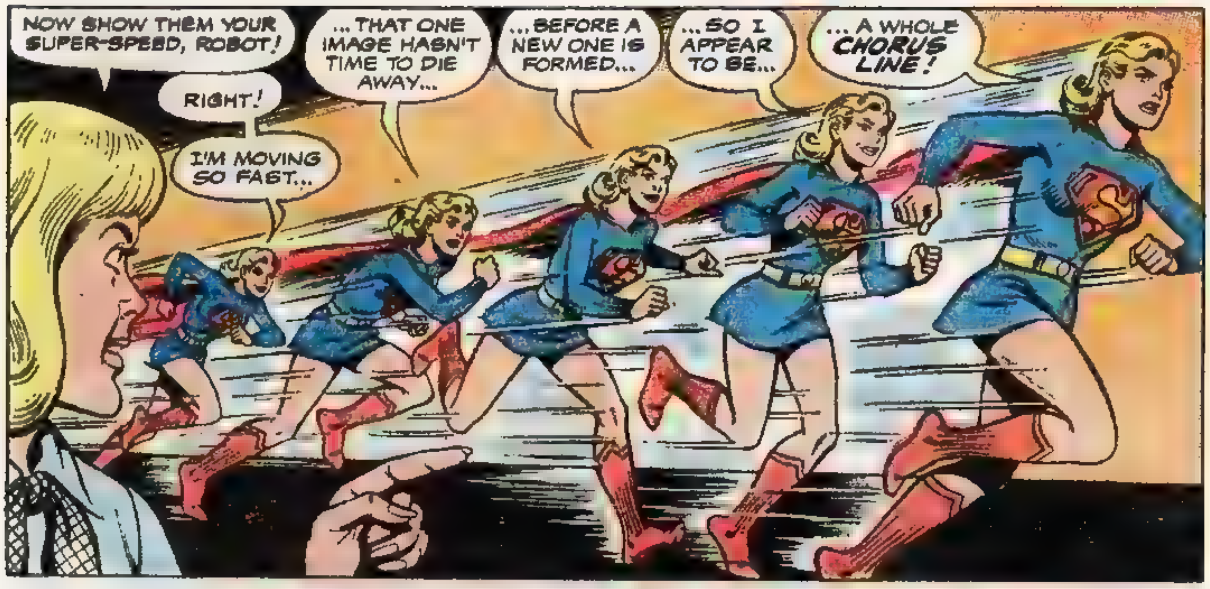
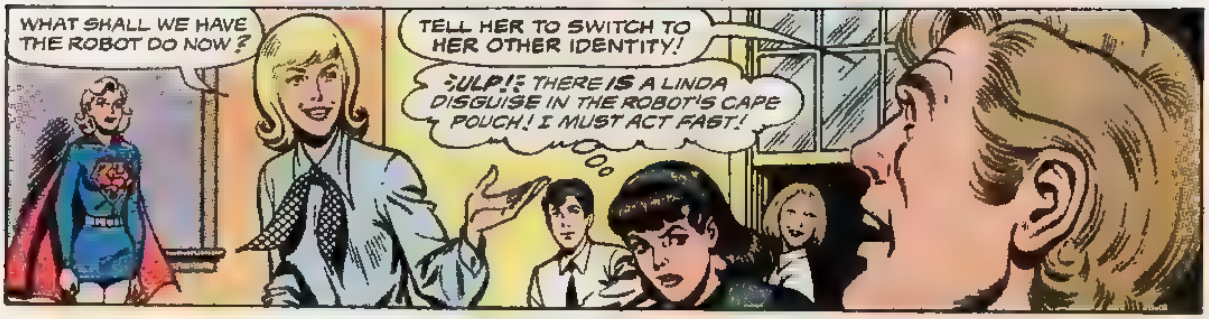
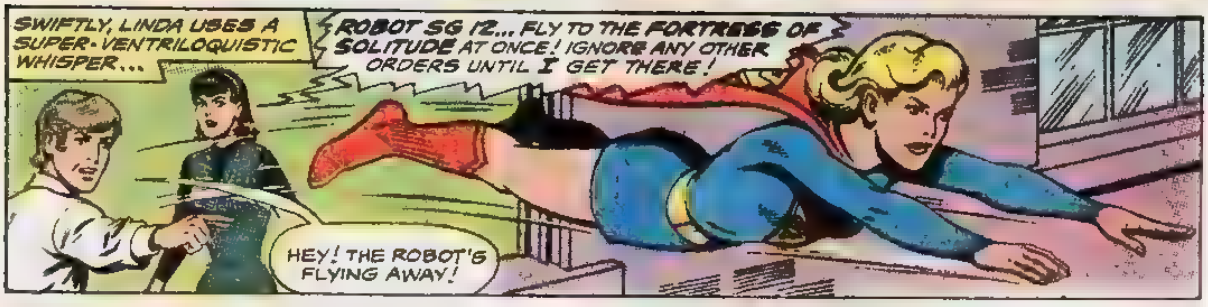
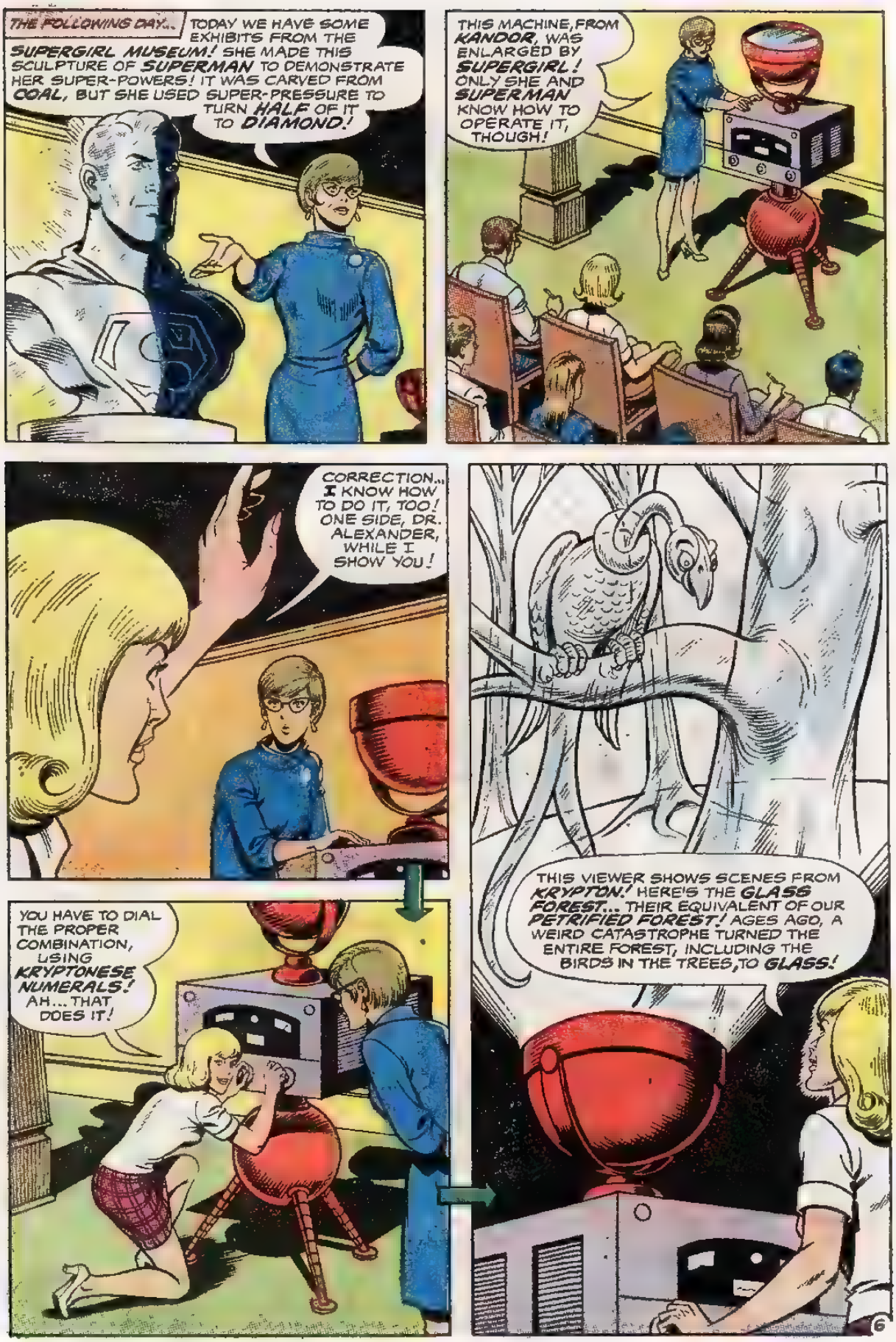

NOW SHOW THEM YOUR SUPER-SPEED, ROBOT!
RIGHT!
I'M MOVING SO FAST...
...THAT ONE IMAGE HASN'T TIME TO DIE AWAY...
...BEFORE A NEW ONE IS FORMED...
...SO I APPEAR TO BE...
...A WHOLE CHORUS LINE!

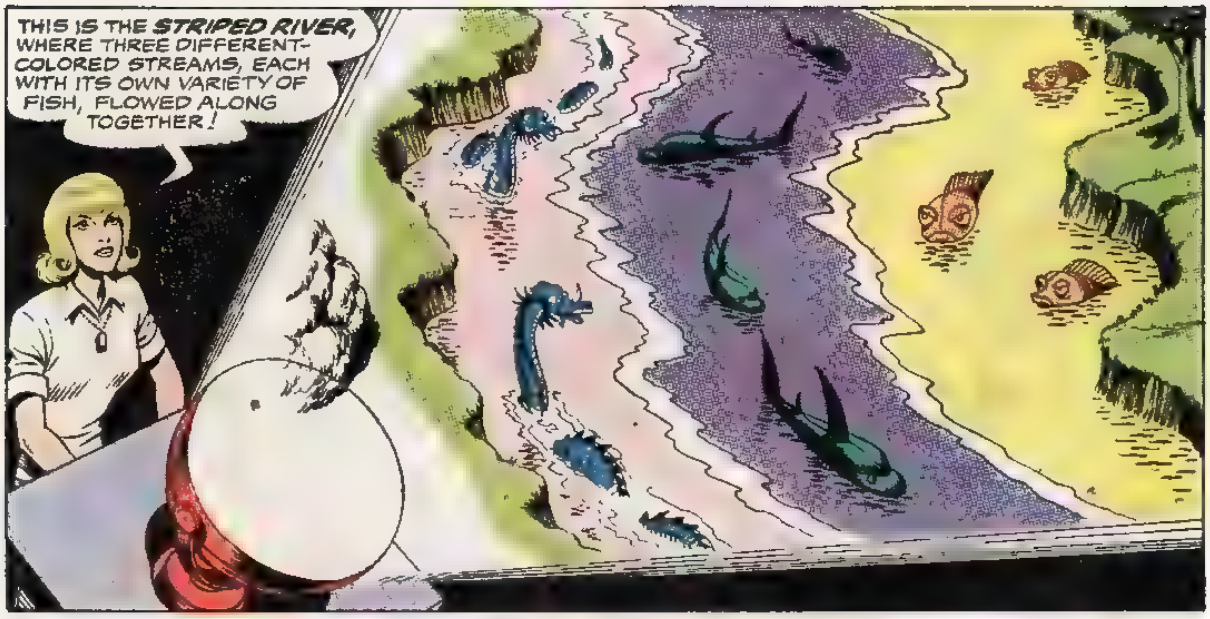

WHAT SHALL WE HAVE THE ROBOT DO NOW?
TELL HER TO SWITCH TO HER OTHER IDENTITY!
GULP!! THERE IS A LINDA DISGUISE IN THE ROBOT'S CAPE POUCH! I MUST ACT FAST!

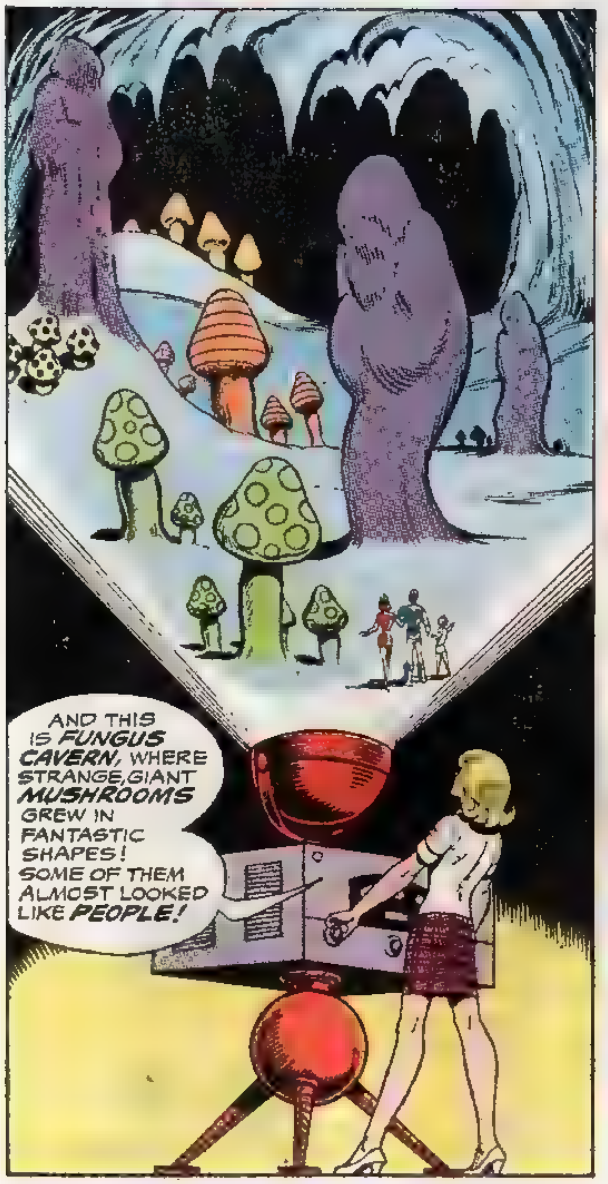

SWIFTLY, LINDA USES A SUPER-VENTRILOQUISTIC WHISPER...
ROBOT SG 12... FLY TO THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE AT ONCE! IGNORE ANY OTHER ORDERS UNTIL I GET THERE!
HEY! THE ROBOT'S FLYING AWAY!

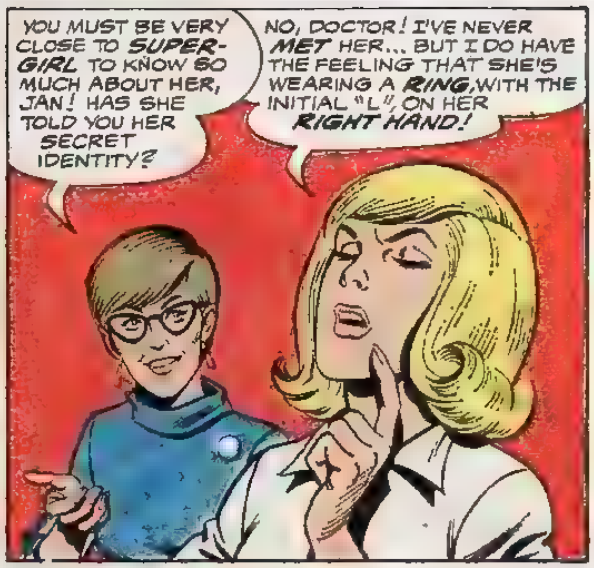
AFTER CLASS...
BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW SUPERGIRL'S ROBOT WAS IN A HOLLOW TREE? AND HOW DID YOU FIND THE TREE?
WHY... UH... IT WAS JUST A HUNCH THAT PAID OFF!

I MUST FIND OUT HOW JAN IS GETTING WISE TO MY SECRETS! MEANWHILE, I'LL PROGRAM MY ROBOTS SO ONLY MY SPECIAL VOICE PATTERN CAN ACTIVATE THEM! THEN NOT EVEN A GREAT IMITATION CAN DO IT!

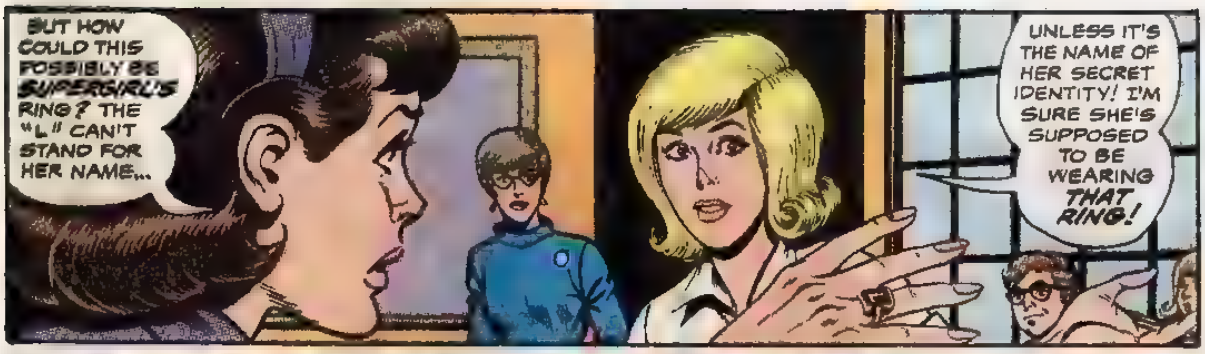

THE FOLLOWING DAY..
TODAY WE HAVE SOME EXHIBITS FROM THE SUPERGIRL MUSEUM! SHE MADE THIS SCULPTURE OF SUPERMAN TO DEMONSTRATE HER SUPER-POWERS! IT WAS CARVED FROM COAL, BUT SHE USED SUPER-PRESSURE TO TURN HALF OF IT TO DIAMOND!
THIS MACHINE, FROM KANDOR, WAS ENLARGED BY SUPERGIRL! ONLY SHE AND SUPERMAN KNOW HOW TO OPERATE IT, THOUGH!
CORRECTION.. I KNOW HOW TO DO IT, TOO! ONE SIDE, DR. ALEXANDER, WHILE I SHOW YOU!
YOU HAVE TO DIAL THE PROPER COMBINATION, USING KRYPTONESE NUMERALS! AH... THAT DOES IT!
THIS VIEWER SHOWS SCENES FROM KRYPTON! HERE'S THE GLASS FOREST... THEIR EQUIVALENT OF OUR PETRIFIED FOREST! AGES AGO, A WEIRD CATASTROPHE TURNED THE ENTIRE FOREST, INCLUDING THE BIRDS IN THE TREES, TO GLASS!


THIS IS THE STRIPED RIVER, WHERE THREE DIFFERENT-COLORED STREAMS, EACH WITH ITS OWN VARIETY OF FISH, FLOWED ALONG TOGETHER!

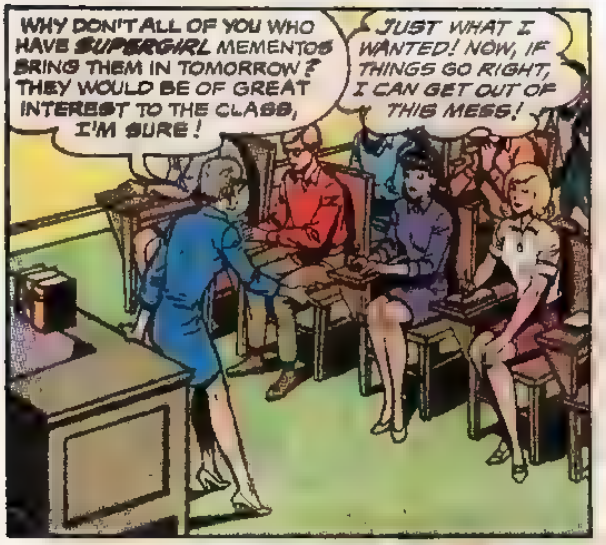

AND THIS IS FUNGUS CAVERN, WHERE STRANGE, GIANT MUSHROOMS GREW IN FANTASTIC SHAPES! SOME OF THEM ALMOST LOOKED LIKE PEOPLE!

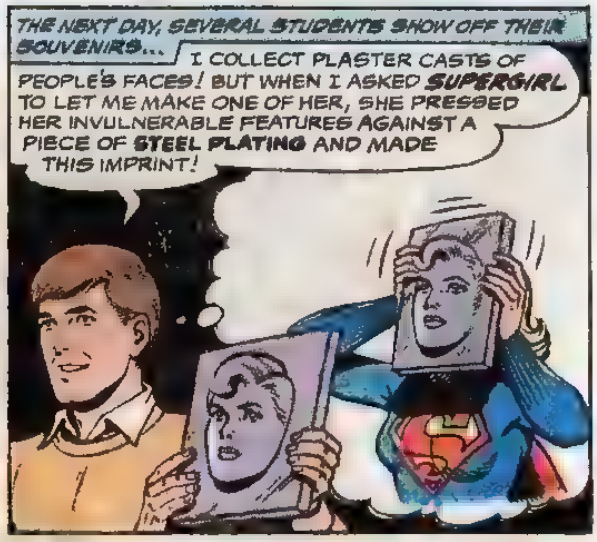

YOU MUST BE VERY CLOSE TO SUPER-GIRL TO KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT HER, JAN! HAS SHE TOLD YOU HER SECRET IDENTITY?
NO, DOCTOR! I'VE NEVER MET HER... BUT I DO HAVE THE FEELING THAT SHE'S WEARING A RING, WITH THE INITIAL "L", ON HER RIGHT HAND!

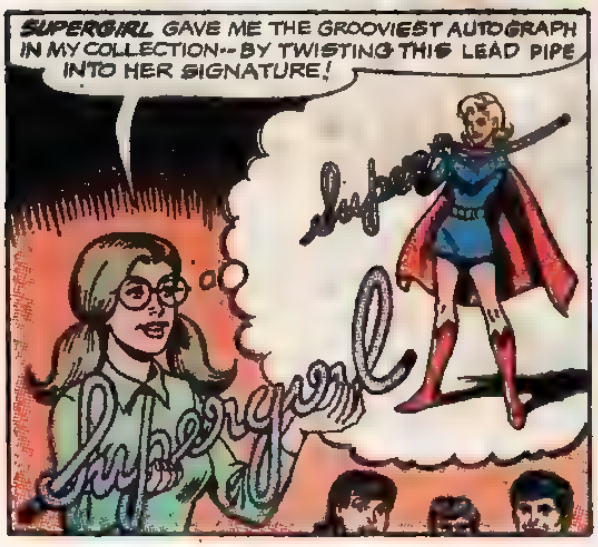
WHY, LINDA HAS A RING WITH HER INITIAL... AN "L"... ON HER RIGHT HAND!
EULP!? THE "L" ACTUALLY STANDS FOR THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES! I FORGOT TO TAKE IT OFF WHEN I RETURNED FROM A MEETING IN THE 30TH CENTURY!

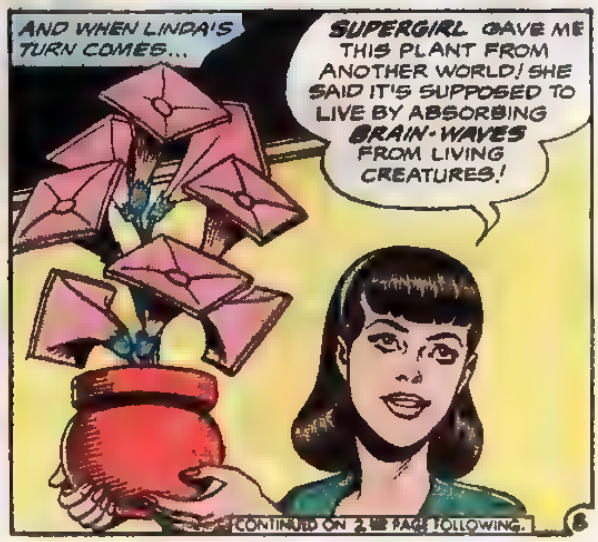

BUT HOW COULD THIS POSSIBLY BE SUPERGIRL'S RING? THE "L" CAN'T STAND FOR HER NAME...
UNLESS IT'S THE NAME OF HER SECRET IDENTITY! I'M SURE SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE WEARING THAT RING!

SHE CAN'T PROVE I'M SUPERGIRL... BUT JAN HAS EVERYONE CONVINCED I AM! WAIT... THERE'S ONE CHANCE...
ME... SUPERGIRL? SURE, I KNOW HER! SHE EVEN GAVE ME SOME SOUVENIRS! BUT SHE'S DONE THE SAME FOR OTHERS! THEY COULD BRING THEM IN AND SHOW YOU...
THAT'S A FINE IDEA!


WHY DON'T ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE SUPERGIRL MEMENTOS BRING THEM IN TOMORROW? THEY WOULD BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE CLASS, I'M SURE!
JUST WHAT I WANTED! NOW, IF THINGS GO RIGHT, I CAN GET OUT OF THIS MESS!


THE NEXT DAY, SEVERAL STUDENTS SHOW OFF THEIR SOUVENIRS...
I COLLECT PLASTER CASTS OF PEOPLE'S FACES! BUT WHEN I ASKED SUPERGIRL TO LET ME MAKE ONE OF HER, SHE PRESSED HER INVULNERABLE FEATURES AGAINST A PIECE OF STEEL PLATING AND MADE THIS IMPRINT!


SUPERGIRL GAVE ME THE GROOVIEST AUTOGRAPH IN MY COLLECTION--BY TWISTING THIS LEAD PIPE INTO HER SIGNATURE!
Supergirl


AND WHEN LINDA'S TURN COMES...
SUPERGIRL GAVE ME THIS PLANT FROM ANOTHER WORLD! SHE SAID IT'S SUPPOSED TO LIVE BY ABSORBING BRAIN-WAVES FROM LIVING CREATURES!
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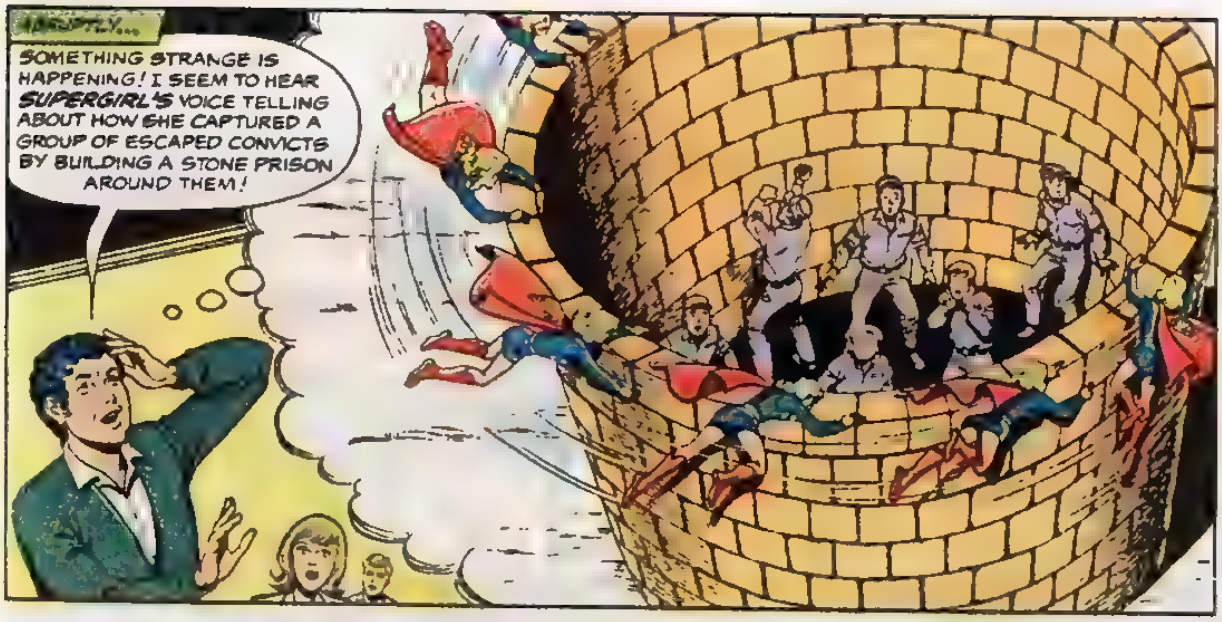
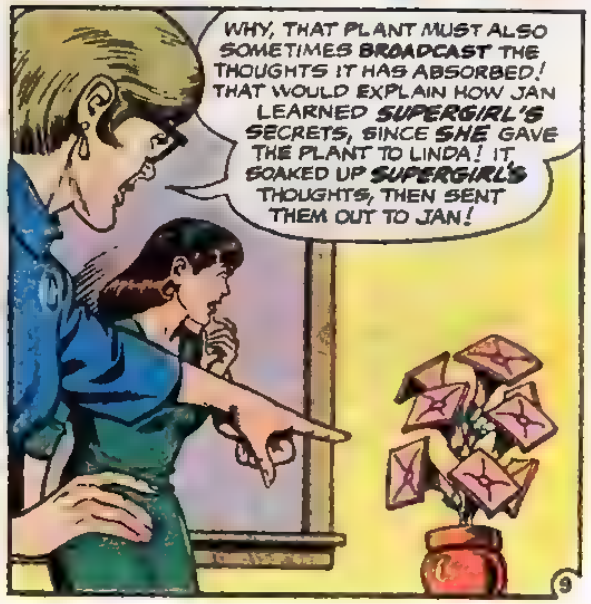
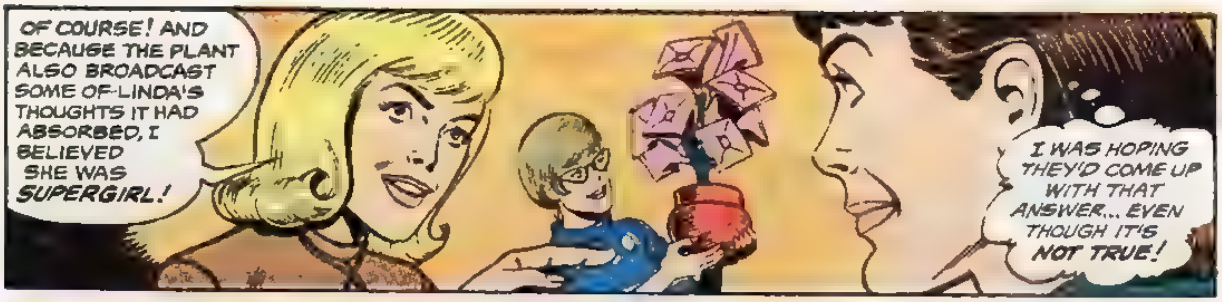

SOMETHING STRANGE IS HAPPENING! I SEEM TO HEAR SUPERGIRL'S VOICE TELLING ABOUT HOW SHE CAPTURED A GROUP OF ESCAPED CONVICTS BY BUILDING A STONE PRISON AROUND THEM!

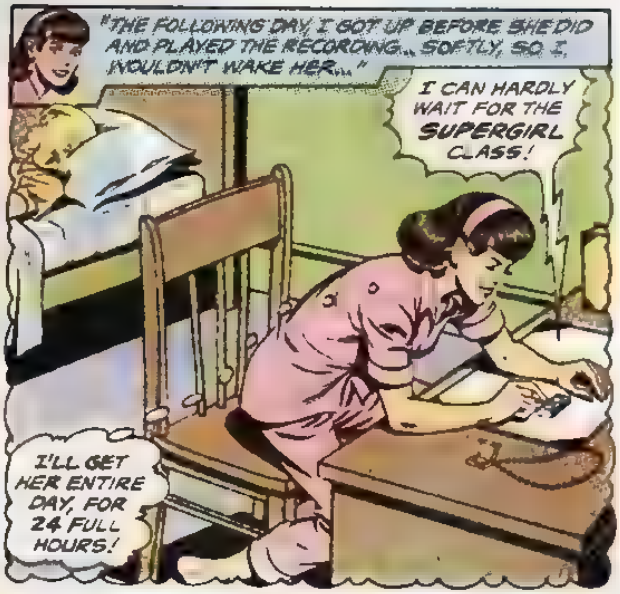
AND I HEAR HER NOW... TELLING HOW SHE STOPPED AN AVALANCHE IN THE ALPS BY STRETCHING HER SUPER-CAPE OUT AND CATCHING THE SNOW AND ROCKS IN IT! SHE SAVED AN ENTIRE TOWN!

I HEAR LINDA'S VOICE... TALKING ABOUT A DATE SHE HAD!
AND I HEAR JAN SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT A HISTORY EXAM!


WHY, THAT PLANT MUST ALSO SOMETIMES BROADCAST THE THOUGHTS IT HAS ABSORBED! THAT WOULD EXPLAIN HOW JAN LEARNED SUPERGIRL'S SECRETS, SINCE SHE GAVE THE PLANT TO LINDA! IT SOAKED UP SUPERGIRL'S THOUGHTS, THEN SENT THEM OUT TO JAN!


OF COURSE! AND BECAUSE THE PLANT ALSO BROADCAST SOME OF LINDA'S THOUGHTS IT HAD ABSORBED, I BELIEVED SHE WAS SUPERGIRL!
I WAS HOPING THEY'D COME UP WITH THAT ANSWER... EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT TRUE!

THAT NIGHT, AFTER JAN GOES TO SLEEP...
JAN WILL NEVER KNOW HOW SHE REALLY LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT SUPERGIRL! I FOUND OUT THE TRUTH AFTER I PLANTED THIS TINY "BUG" IN HER LOCKET... TO LEARN IF SHE'D BEEN MEETING SOMEONE WHO SOMEHOW KNEW MY SECRETS!


"THE FOLLOWING DAY, I GOT UP BEFORE SHE DID AND PLAYED THE RECORDING... SOFTLY, SO I WOULDN'T WAKE HER..."
I CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR THE SUPERGIRL CLASS!
I'LL GET HER ENTIRE DAY, FOR 24 FULL HOURS!

"PLAYING IT AT SUPER-SPEED, WHICH ONLY MY SUPER-HEARING COULD DETECT, I RAN THROUGH THE DAY IN A FEW MINUTES! AND TOWARD THE END..."
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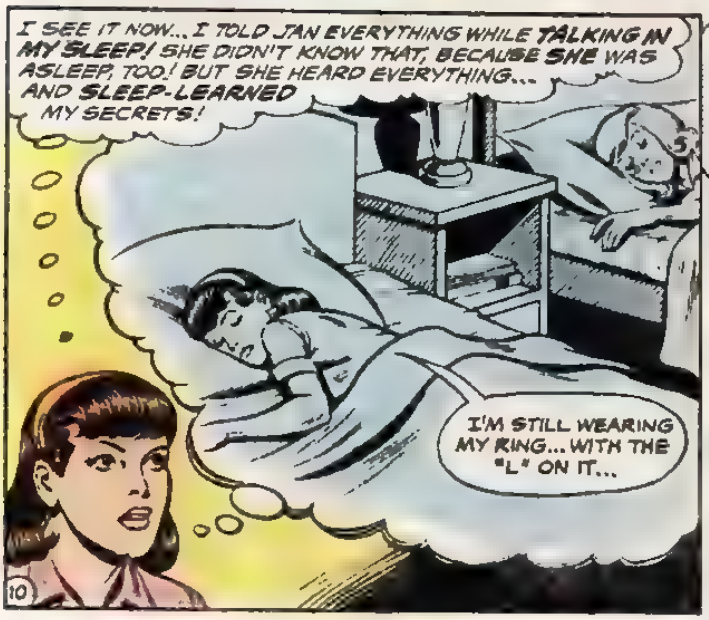
GREAT STARS! THAT'S MY VOICE... TELLING ABOUT MY LEGION RING!


I SEE IT NOW... I TOLD JAN EVERYTHING WHILE TALKING IN MY SLEEP! SHE DIDN'T KNOW THAT, BECAUSE SHE WAS ASLEEP, TOO! BUT SHE HEARD EVERYTHING... AND SLEEP-LEARNED MY SECRETS!
I'M STILL WEARING MY RING... WITH THE "L" ON IT...

I STOPPED MY SLEEP-TALKING BY SELF-HYPNOSIS, BUT I STILL HAD TO PROTECT MY SECRET IDENTITY! THE PLANT DOESN'T ACTUALLY BROADCAST THOUGHTS... SO I FAKED THAT BY FEEDING THE KIDS MESSAGES IN SUPER-VENTRILOQUIST CODE!
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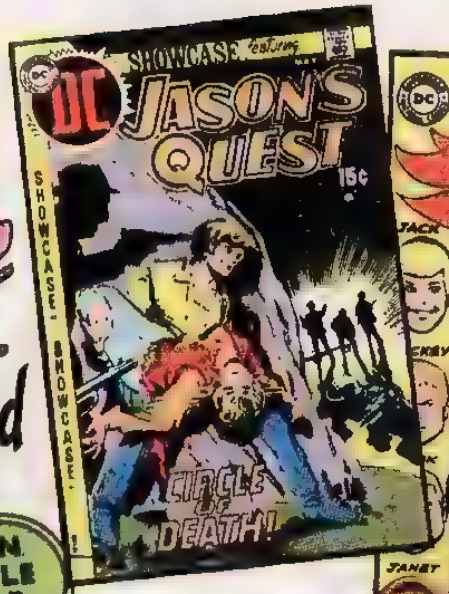

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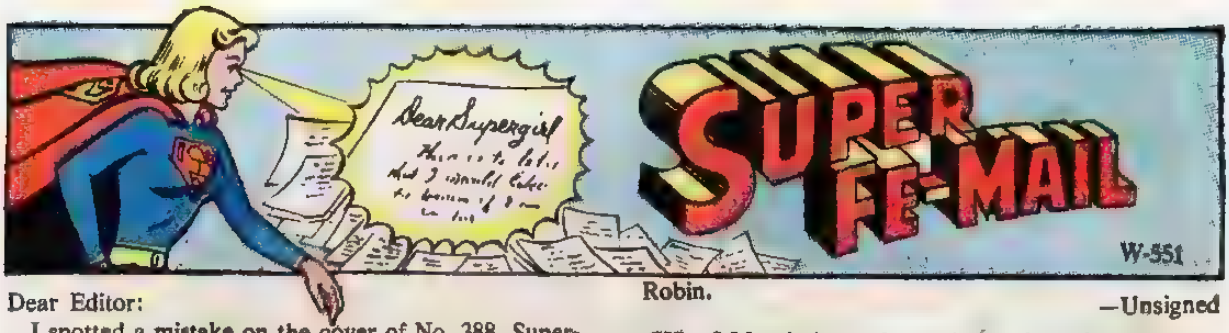

Dear Editor:

I spotted a mistake on the cover of No. 388. Supergirl's emblem, as reflected in the mirror, was forward, while it should have been backward. However, I have an explanation. It was a trick mirror she brought back as a souvenir from another planet. It showed the exact duplicate of the person looking into it, rather than a "mirror image."

—Don Bergmann, Weehawken, N.J.

(Either that, or she had on an outfit similar to the one worn by Superman on the cover of the current (May) issue of ACTION COMICS.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I liked Kim, the irresistible guy in the two-part story you ran recently. I know he's in prison now, but couldn't you find some way of using him again—maybe in a Jimmy Olsen story?

—Albert Franklin, Cleveland, Ohio

(Well, maybe the young convict could be one of Jimmy's "pen" pals.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

A milestone was reached in the August ADVENTURE. This was the very *first* time that Supergirl has been shown on a cover without Superman in a supporting role. Right?

—Peter Flaherty, Cardenden, Fife, Scotland

(Wrong! Supergirl had only Ultra Boy with her on the cover of ADVENTURE No. 374. This was her first "non-Superman" jacket... which seems to "cover" the situation.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I see in ADVENTURE 387 and 388, Lena Thorul (now Lena Colby) reappears, for the first time since her marriage five years ago. In this story, Luthor denies his relationship to Lena and her son, Val, at the end, and Supergirl says it was his only decent deed. Superman has stated that contact with Kryptonite has sometimes affected his super-memory. Well, the K must be working overtime on Supergirl, or she would have recalled the many other times Lex has prevented Lena from finding out the truth.

—M.K. Tomashevsky, Rochester, N.Y.

(And then there are the things he did to help the planet Lexor. Of course, Luthor would prefer everyone to be as forgetful of his good deeds as Supergirl. He doesn't want to spoil his image as a villain.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I would like to express my opinion concerning the great expectations of a certain blonde, blue-eyed idiosyncratic. In the 388th issue of ADVENTURE, it was suggested that you change the costume of this wondrous lady. I vote NO. For the last ten years she has been romping around in the same red, blue and yellow playsuit, and I hope to see her in it for at least another ten. But I vote for a change of scene for Linda. Either have her get a job or transfer to another college. Perhaps she could go to the same college as Robin.

—Unsigned

(What? Muscle in on the territory of another hero and steal his glory? If she had that kind of "Great Expectations," Robin would give her the Dickens!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In "The Kindergarten Criminal," Lex Luthor thought Val's power might be affected by Green Kryptonite. But Lex certainly knew that only people from Krypton were affected by Green K, and he obviously knew Val wasn't from Krypton.

—Fred Serbin, Roslyn, N.Y.

(Lexy was more "Kryp-hip" than you. He knew that on rare occasions, people who acquire artificial superpowers become vulnerable to Green K, even if they're not Kryptonians. Witness the cover story back in JIMMY OLSEN No. 126, in which that very thing happened.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Now that Supergirl is in her own comic, she seems to be developing into the sort of character Wonder Woman was during the Golden Age of the 1940's. WW's battle cry then was, "We girls must stick together against the cruel men who would enslave us." At times she demonstrated a most unhealthy attitude toward men. Yet at other times she was declaiming her love for Steve Trevor. This sort of thing is evident in ADVENTURE 388, with "The Kindergarten Criminal" involving a super-powered heroine and "The Romance Machine" presenting a feminine young lady. Perhaps you need firmer guidelines for Supergirl's characterization.

—Martin Pasko, Clifton, N.J.

(What do you want—a flat, one-dimensional character? We feel a pretty girl is like a jewel—it's all those different facets that make it so interesting.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In some of your stories, Supergirl's hair is tucked behind her ears, while in others, it hangs loose, over the ears. I think it looks better loose. Who knows? Since a gal likes it, so might a super-guy.

—Mary Cox, Lawson, Mo.

(Maybe we should submit the question to the three witches in THE WITCHING HOUR. They should know all about it, considering the "hair-raising," "eerie" tales they tell.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In "The Jilting of Supergirl," what did Supergirl do with the ring the Queen of the Inner World gave her?

—Rita Nevels, Cleveland, Ohio

(She gave it back after her royal wedding was called off. After all, she couldn't take a "reign" check on that!—Ed.)

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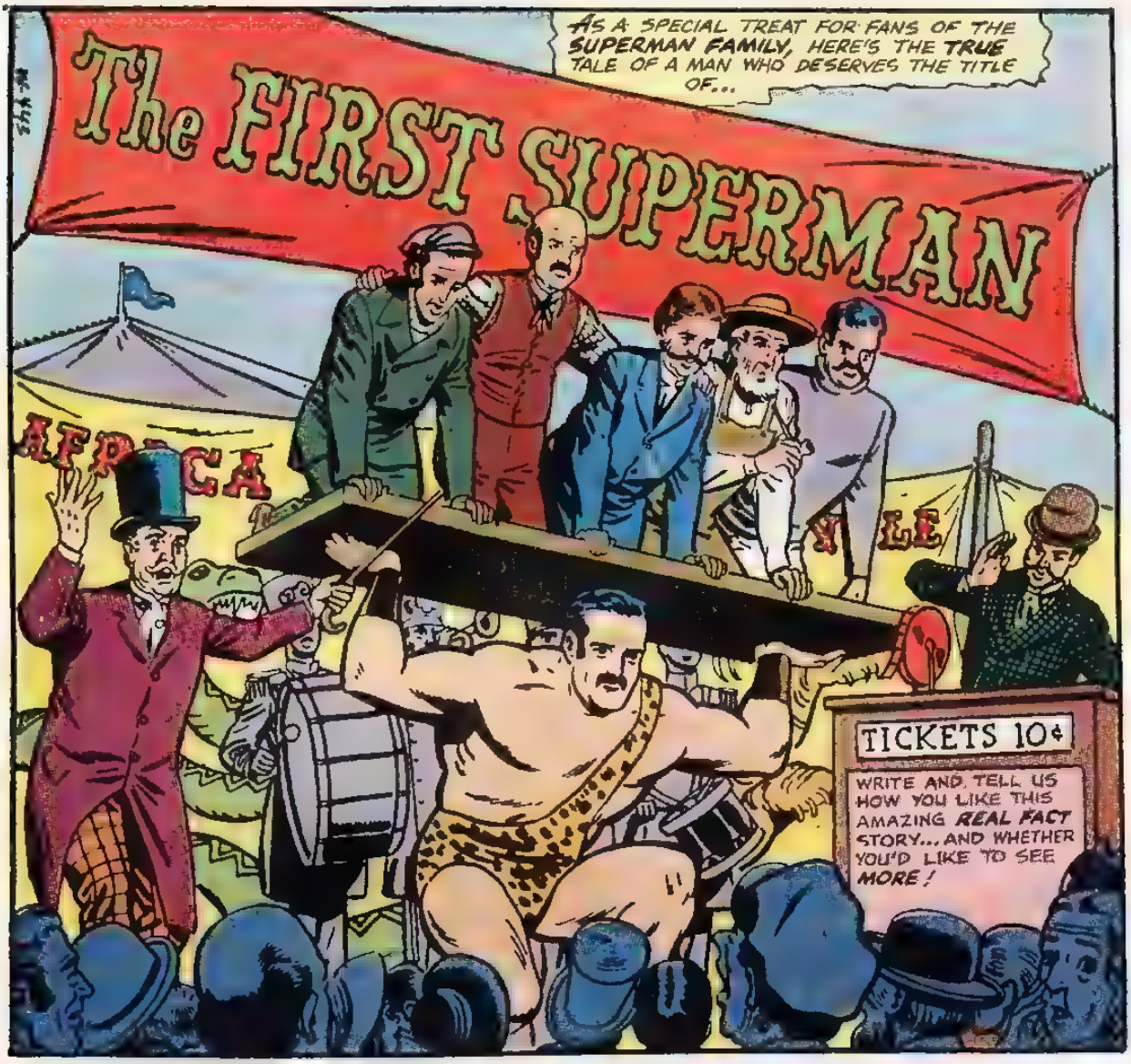
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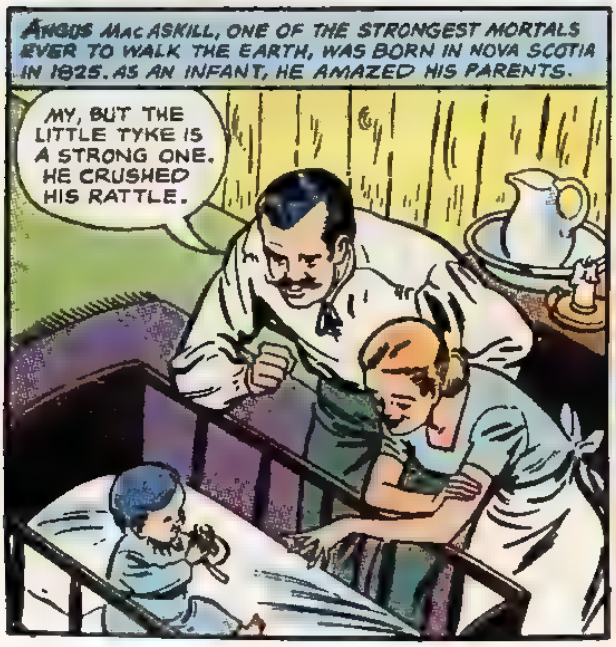
ANGUS MacASKILL, ONE OF THE STRONGEST MORTALS EVER TO WALK THE EARTH, WAS BORN IN NOVA SCOTIA IN 1825. AS AN INFANT, HE AMAZED HIS PARENTS.
MY, BUT THE LITTLE TYKE IS A STRONG ONE. HE CRUSHED HIS RATTLE.

WHEN HE WAS 13, YOUNG ANGUS COULD HANDLE HEAVY LOGS AS THOUGH THEY WERE TOOTHPICKS.
IT WOULD TAKE THREE GROWN MEN TO CARRY THAT LOG - AND THAT LAD DOES IT BY HIMSELF!
AMAZING!
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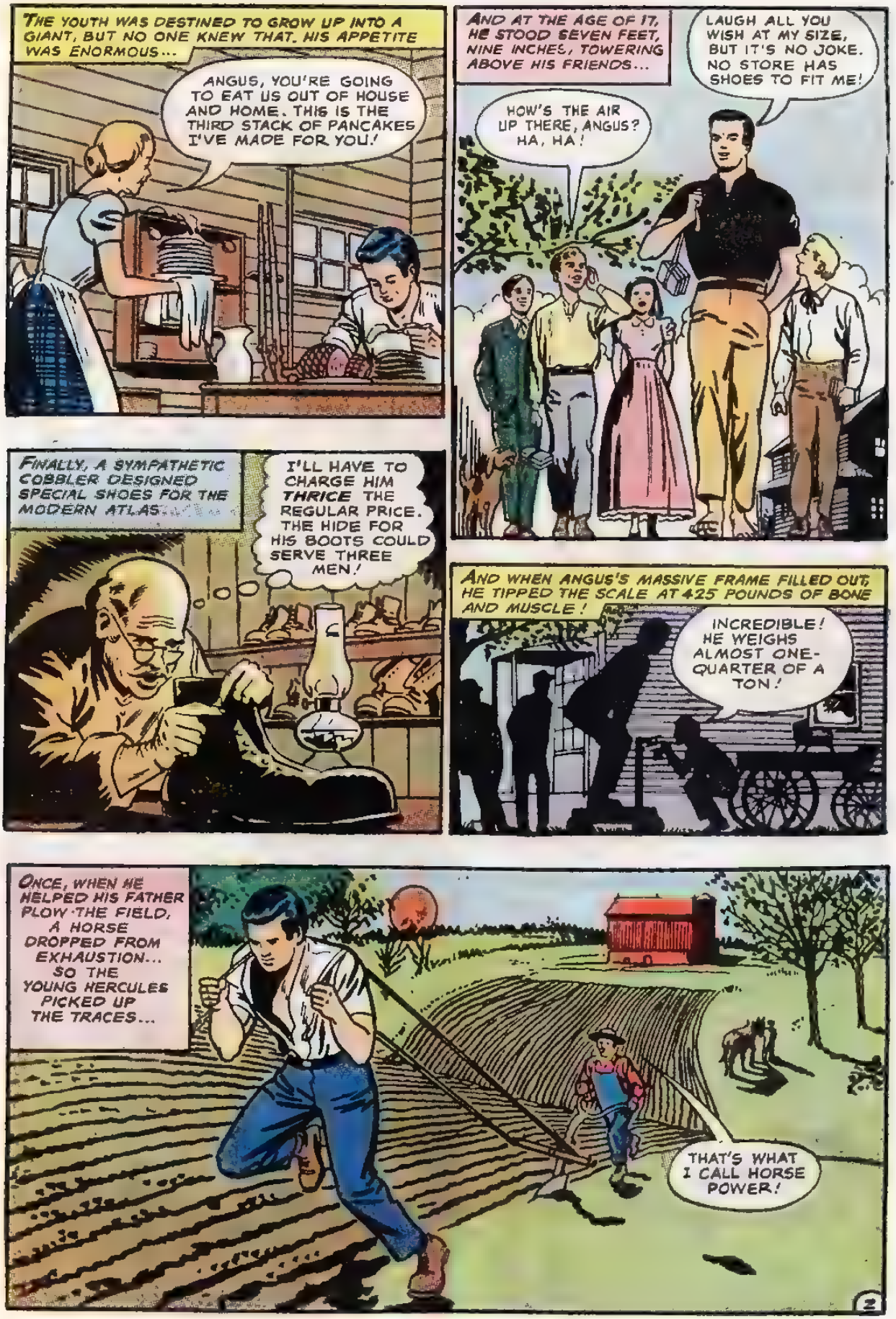
THE YOUTH WAS DESTINED TO GROW UP INTO A GIANT, BUT NO ONE KNEW THAT. HIS APPETITE WAS ENORMOUS...
ANGUS, YOU'RE GOING TO EAT US OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME. THIS IS THE THIRD STACK OF PANCAKES I'VE MADE FOR YOU!
AND AT THE AGE OF 17, HE STOOD SEVEN FEET, NINE INCHES, TOWERING ABOVE HIS FRIENDS...
LAUGH ALL YOU WISH AT MY SIZE, BUT IT'S NO JOKE. NO STORE HAS SHOES TO FIT ME!
HOW'S THE AIR UP THERE, ANGUS? HA, HA!
FINALLY, A SYMPATHETIC COBBLER DESIGNED SPECIAL SHOES FOR THE MODERN ATLAS...
I'LL HAVE TO CHARGE HIM THRICE THE REGULAR PRICE. THE HIDE FOR HIS BOOTS COULD SERVE THREE MEN!
AND WHEN ANGUS'S MASSIVE FRAME FILLED OUT, HE TIPPED THE SCALE AT 425 POUNDS OF BONE AND MUSCLE!
INCREDIBLE! HE WEIGHS ALMOST ONE-QUARTER OF A TON!
ONCE, WHEN HE HELPED HIS FATHER PLOW THE FIELD, A HORSE DROPPED FROM EXHAUSTION... SO THE YOUNG HERCULES PICKED UP THE TRACES...
THAT'S WHAT I CALL HORSE POWER!
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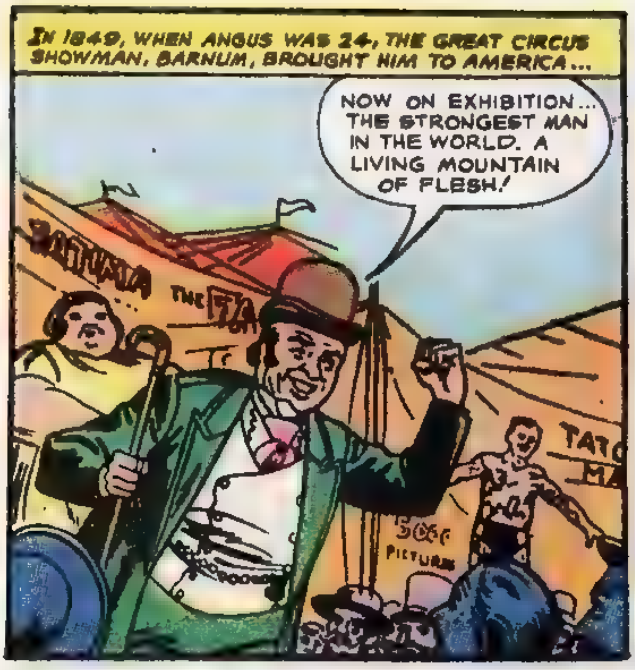
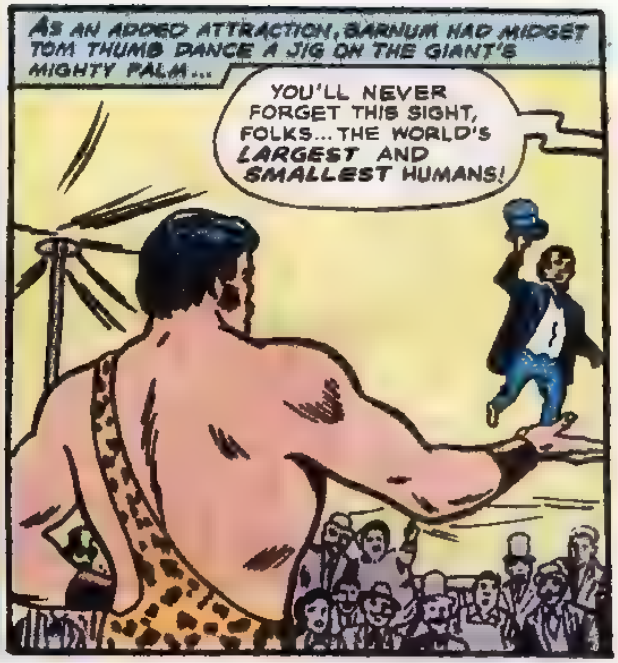
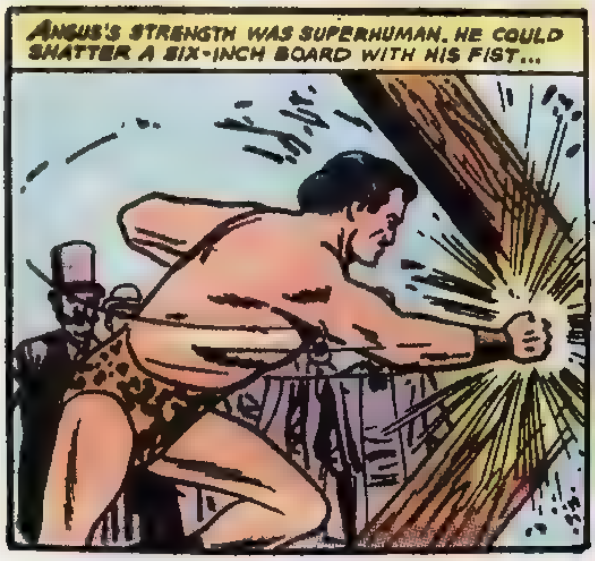
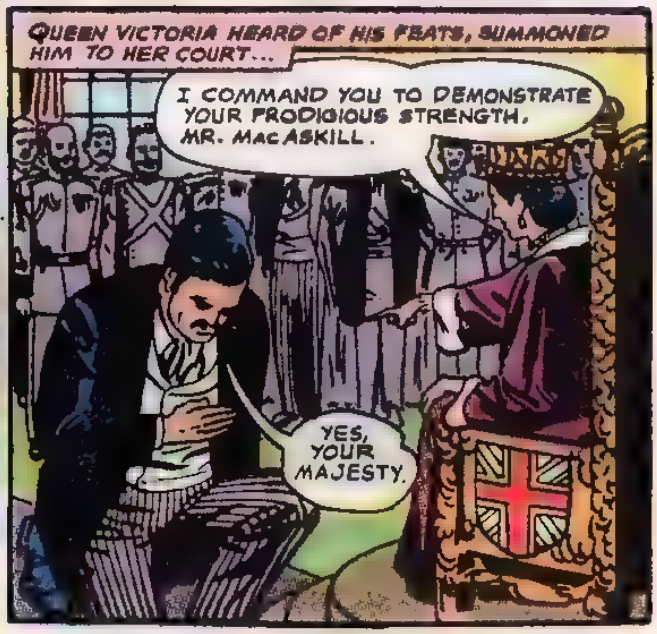
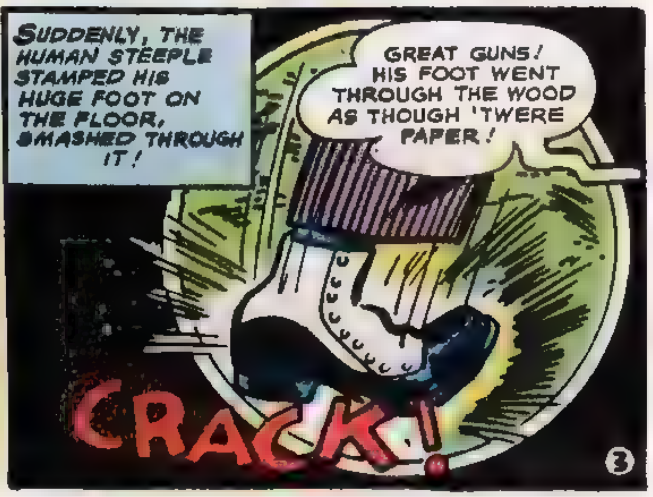

IN 1849, WHEN ANGUS WAS 24, THE GREAT CIRCUS SHOWMAN, BARNUM, BROUGHT HIM TO AMERICA...
NOW ON EXHIBITION... THE STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD. A LIVING MOUNTAIN OF FLESH!

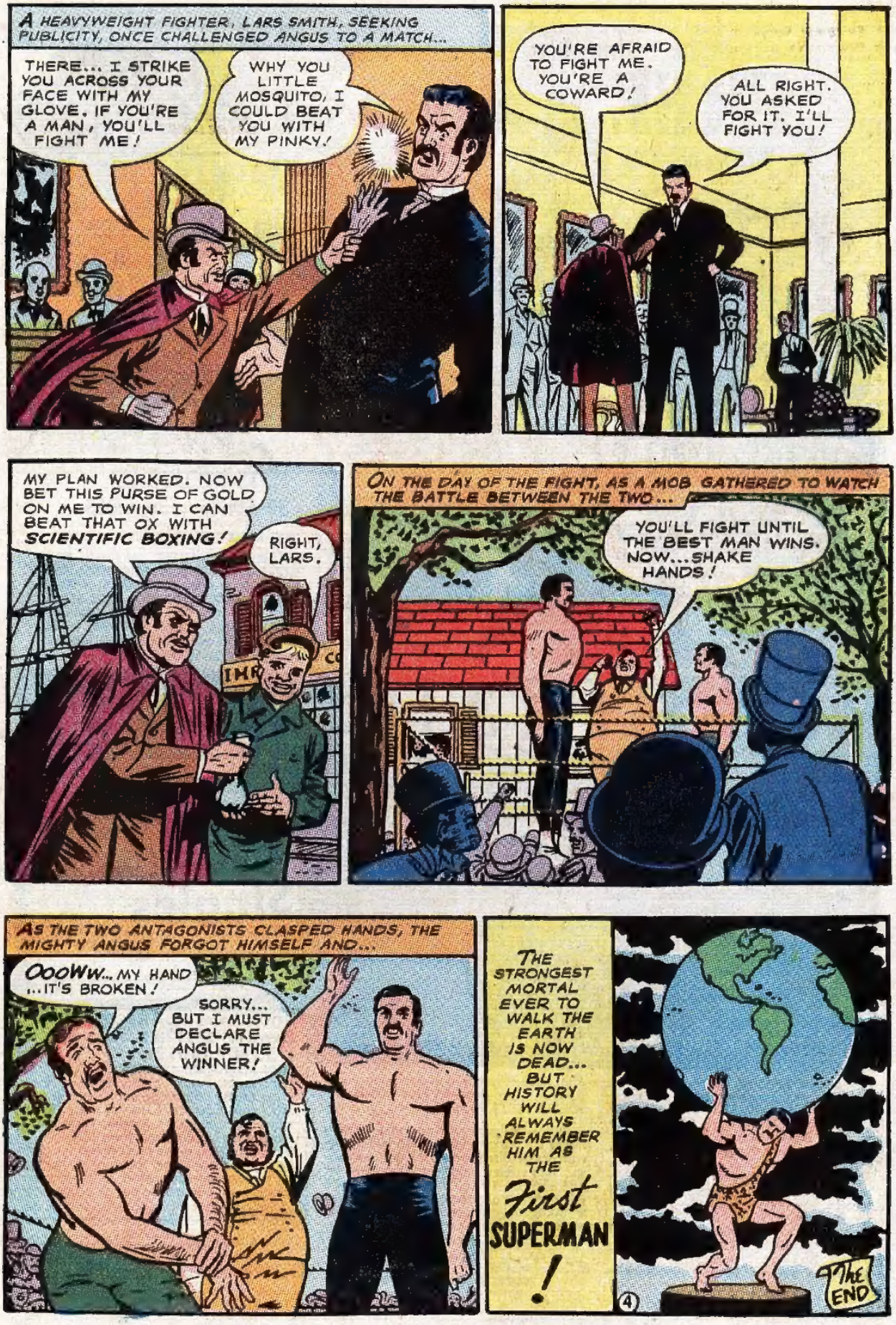

AS AN ADDED ATTRACTION, BARNUM HAD MIDGET TOM THUMB DANCE A JIG ON THE GIANT'S MIGHTY PALM...
YOU'LL NEVER FORGET THIS SIGHT, FOLKS... THE WORLD'S LARGEST AND SMALLEST HUMANS!


ANGUS'S STRENGTH WAS SUPERHUMAN. HE COULD SHATTER A SIX-INCH BOARD WITH HIS FIST...


QUEEN VICTORIA HEARD OF HIS FEATS, SUMMONED HIM TO HER COURT...
I COMMAND YOU TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR PRODIGIOUS STRENGTH, MR. MacASKILL.
YES, YOUR MAJESTY.

HOW CAN I EXHIBIT MY STRENGTH? THERE'S NOTHING HERE HEAVY ENOUGH FOR ME TO LIFT. HMM... I HAVE AN IDEA!


SUDDENLY, THE HUMAN STEEPLE STAMPED HIS HUGE FOOT ON THE FLOOR, SMASHED THROUGH IT!
GREAT GUNS! HIS FOOT WENT THROUGH THE WOOD AS THOUGH 'TWERE PAPER!
CRACK!


A HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHTER, LARS SMITH, SEEKING PUBLICITY, ONCE CHALLENGED ANGUS TO A MATCH...
THERE... I STRIKE YOU ACROSS YOUR FACE WITH MY GLOVE. IF YOU'RE A MAN, YOU'LL FIGHT ME!
WHY YOU LITTLE MOSQUITO, I COULD BEAT YOU WITH MY PINKY!
YOU'RE AFRAID TO FIGHT ME. YOU'RE A COWARD!
ALL RIGHT. YOU ASKED FOR IT. I'LL FIGHT YOU!
MY PLAN WORKED. NOW BET THIS PURSE OF GOLD ON ME TO WIN. I CAN BEAT THAT OX WITH SCIENTIFIC BOXING!
RIGHT, LARS.
ON THE DAY OF THE FIGHT, AS A MOB GATHERED TO WATCH THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE TWO...
YOU'LL FIGHT UNTIL THE BEST MAN WINS. NOW...SHAKE HANDS!
AS THE TWO ANTAGONISTS CLASPED HANDS, THE MIGHTY ANGUS FORGOT HIMSELF AND...
OOOWW... MY HAND ...IT'S BROKEN!
SORRY... BUT I MUST DECLARE ANGUS THE WINNER!
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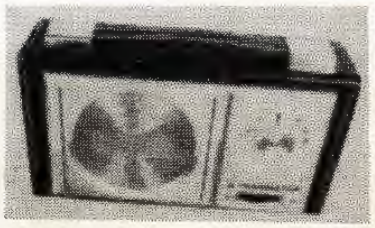

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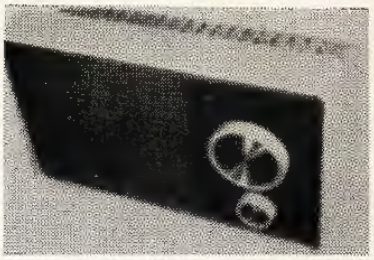

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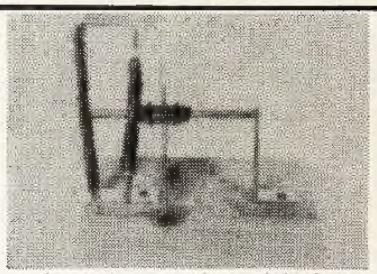

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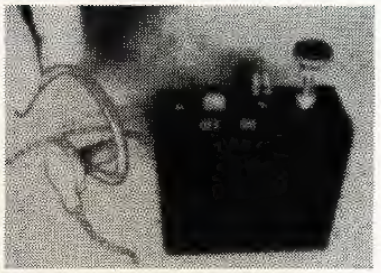

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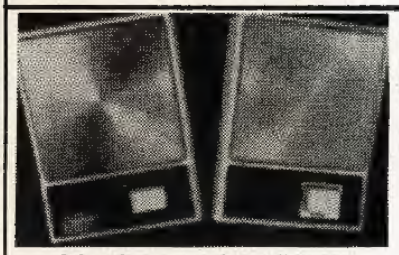

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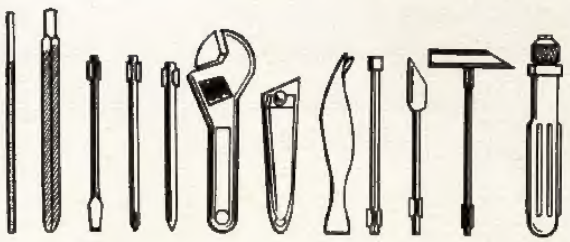

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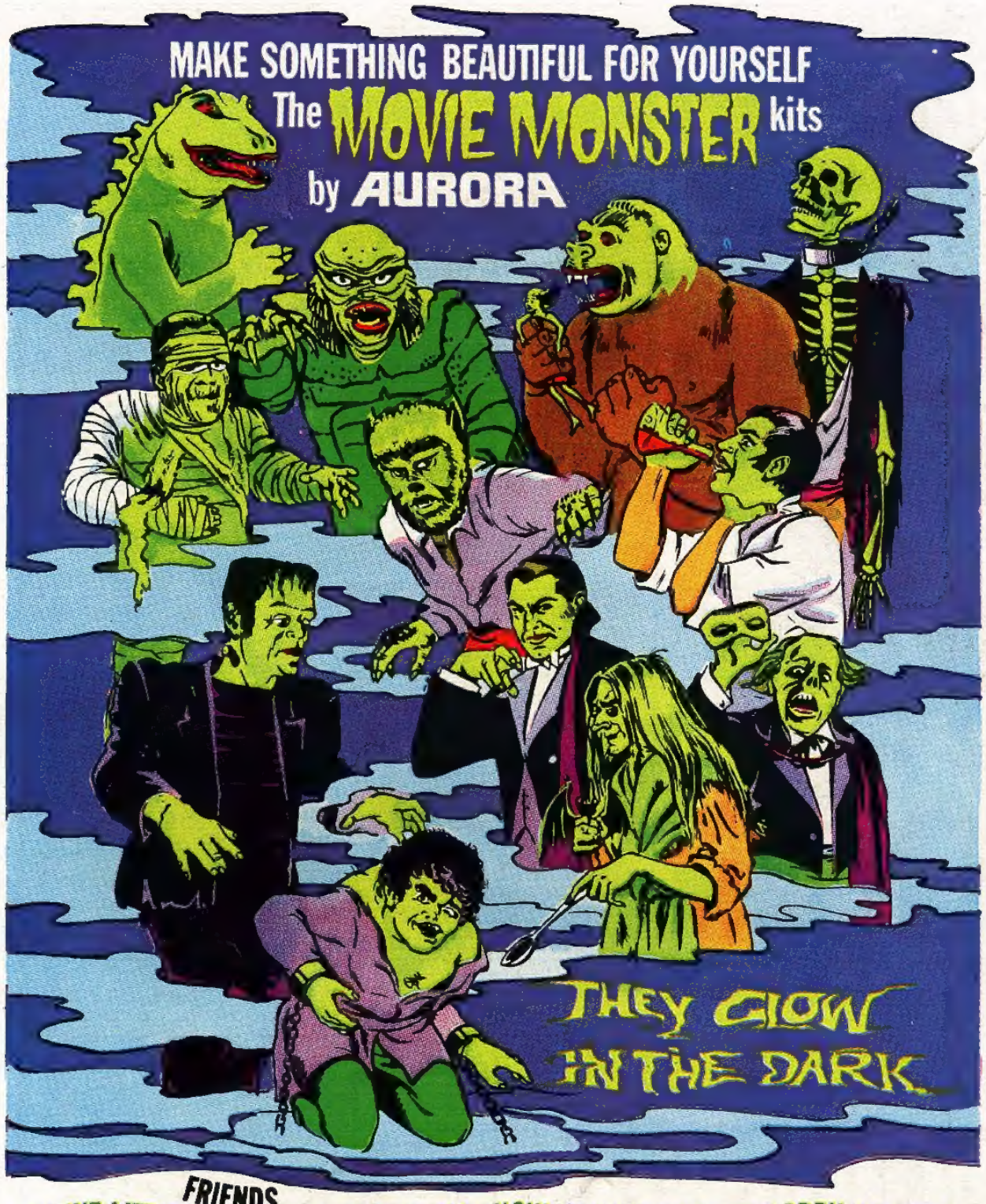

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